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Dear Fans:

Welcome to the 1975 World Series.

I feel confident 1975 has given you a great many baseball thrills to cherish. One of the game's charms is the storehouse of vivid memories it provides its fans—never more so than in the fabled history of the World Series. This 72nd renewal of The Baseball Classic will doubtless fit the historic mold.

We in Professional Baseball wish you a nostalgic winter full of baseball lore and the warm promise of spring and baseball anew in 1976 when we will join in celebrating the nation's Bicentennial. Baseball has special reason to share in the celebration since 1976 also will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National League and the 75th of the American League.

In the meantime, please know your continued support of our National Game is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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AMERICA'S FAVORITE GAME

On a year-in, year-out basis, no sport has captured the public fancy the way baseball has. And of course the World Series is a fitting climax to an exciting 162-game season. Thanks to the medium of television, it is the most widely-viewed of this planet's annual entertainment spectacles.

The drama and pathos of baseball's fall classic have seldom been equalled by any sports competition. Certainly not on a yearly format.

Several factors have contributed to maintaining the dominant role of the World Series. The tradition built up over the 72 years since the first modern Series in 1903 has helped. The fact that no set pattern of strategy or performance has developed also has played a part. Even more important, new—and sometimes unexpected—heroes have frequently emerged from the World Series.

The stars of the October battles have not always been big-name performers. Occasionally a lesser light has moved to center stage. Except for their heroics in World Series play, the names of such performers as Dusty Rhodes, Sandy Amoros, Don Larsen and Al Gionfriddo might long since have been forgotten.

Heroes as well as goats have abounded in the Series over the years. Strangely, the blue-ribbon clashes seem to bring out the best in some players—and the worst in others. Many who were tigers during regular-season competition wound up becoming pussycats in the post-season encounters. For others, the opposite has been the case.

Ty Cobb generally is considered to have been baseball's greatest hitter, at least for average. Yet the famed Georgia Peach was a big flop in two of the three fall classics in which he wore Detroit Tiger flannels. He won a record 12 batting titles and compiled an all-time high .367 lifetime average, but managed to hit a paltry .262 in Series appearances.

On the other hand, Babe Ruth almost always enjoyed a hero's role in the World Series, whether as a pitcher or batter. As a mound mainstay of the Boston Red Sox in 1916 and 1918, he started three Series games—and won all three. In seven fall classics as an outfielder with the New York Yankees, the Babe crashed 15 home runs, only once failed to hit .300 and posted a .625 average one year.

Like Ruth, Lou Gehrig was at his best in the October championships. He boasted a .361 average and ten homers for seven Series.

Cobb, of course, wasn't the only star who found the World Series to be something of a jinx. He had plenty of company.

Ted Williams, the last of the game's .400 hitters, was limited to five hits—all singles—in 25 trips in his only

Series with the Boston Red Sox. Jackie Robinson, a .311 career hitter with the Brooklyn Dodgers, batted a mere .234 in six Series.

By contrast, many players who were little more than average hitters in the majors became whirlwinds in post-season competition.

Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs' famed Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chance double-play combination is an illustration. He was a .270 lifetime hitter, but batted .350 or better in three of his four World Series. In 1914 he hit .438 for Boston's Miracle Braves in their stunning four-game sweep of the Philadelphia A's. Another member of the Braves, catcher Hank Gowdy, batted only .243 during the regular 1914 season and then hit .545 in the same Series with a homer, triple, three doubles, single and five walks.

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1931

Al Simmons crosses plate following ninth-inning homer that deprived Cards' Burleigh Grimes of one-hit shutout over Athletics in third game of 1931 Series. Greeting Simmons is Jimmie Foxx, while Cardinal catcher Jimmie Wilson and umpire Dolly Stark look on.



1939

Stunned Ernie Lombardi lies prostrate near plate as Joe DiMaggio slides across with Yankees' final run in ten-inning, 7-4 victory that climaxed 1939 sweep over Cincinnati. Umpire is Babe Pinelli, while Reds' pitcher Bucky Walters is at right.



1946

Enos Slaughter climaxes his famous three-base sprint by sliding across plate with Cardinals' winning run in final game of 1946 Series with Red Sox. Umpire is AJ Barlick.

Casey Stengel is best remembered for managing the Yankees to seven World Championships in 12 years. However, during his playing days The Old Perfessor was among those whose competitive juices apparently flowed faster when there was money on the line. A .284 hitter in 14 seasons in the majors, Casey batted a torrid .393 in three World Series.

Two erstwhile Yankee second basemen—Billy Martin and Bobby Richardson—are classic examples of others who outdid themselves at bat in the World Series.

Martin hit a mere .257 in 11 years in the Big Time, yet in five Series with the Yankees he batted .333. His most spectacular performance came in 1953 when he tied a record of 12 hits in a six-game set.

Richardson's efforts were equally astounding. Although hitting just .266 in 12 seasons in the majors, he batted .305 in seven Series and set numerous hitting records, including 12 RBIs in 1960 and 13 hits in the 1964 classic.

The difference between being a hero and a goat sometimes is a mighty fine line. It demonstrates that baseball truly is, as the saying goes, "a matter of inches."

Pitcher Ralph Terry of the Yankees experienced that fine line in 1962. Two years earlier he wound up wearing the horns when Pittsburgh's Bill Mazeroski tagged him for a game-winning home run in the ninth inning of Game 7. But this time things went his way.

It again was Game 7 and the Yankees were playing the Giants in San Francisco. Entering the ninth inning, Terry owned a two-hitter and a 1-0 lead. But a safe bunt by Matty Alou and, two outs later, a double by Willie Mays put the potential tying and winning Giant runs in scoring position.



Joe DiMaggio being greeted by Yankee batboy following homer in fifth game of 1949 Series while Dodger catcher Roy Campanella looks on. DiMag experienced his poorest Series that year with only two hits in 18 swings, but Yankees won anyway.

Billy Martin streaks in to make desperation catch of popup by Dodgers' Jackie Robinson with bases full in seventh game of 1952 World Series and save victory for Yankees.



Willie McCovey, next up, slashed a vicious liner toward right field, but the Yankees' second baseman—Richardson—threw up his glove and speared the ball to preserve Terry's 1-0 victory—and the World Championship for the Yankees.

Another Yankee pitcher, Bob Kuzava, had an equally harrowing escape in 1952. He came on in relief in the seventh inning of the seventh game with one out, the bases full of Dodgers and the Yanks leading, 4-2. After retiring Duke Snider, Kuzava faced Jackie Robinson. The count went to three-and-two. With all three Brooklyn runners on the move, Robinson lifted a high fly near the mound. First baseman Joe Collins called for it, then lost the ball in the sun. As Kuzava stood transfixed, Billy Martin raced in and, running at full tilt, made a last-minute grab about knee high. Meantime, two Dodgers had already crossed the plate and what would have been the lead—and possible winning—run was rounding third base. Following that close call, Kuzava checked the Dodgers in the eighth and ninth innings to lock up a 4-2 victory.

In more recent times, Lou Brock and Bob Gibson had the experience of being heroes one year and victims, if not goats, the following fall. In 1967, as the Cardinals downed the Red Sox in seven games, Brock batted .414 and stole a record seven bases while Gibson pitched three complete-game victories, the last in Game 7.

One year later the pair seemed on the verge of pulling off similar heroics against Detroit, only to be thwarted in the end. Brock once more ran rampant at bat and on the bases, hitting .464 and notching seven more steals, and Gibson again won his first two starts in impressive fashion. However, in the fifth game the Tigers nailed Brock at the plate on a vital play, then curbed his base-running activities thereafter and wound up beating Gibson in the seventh game, 4-1.

Gene Tenace, Oakland's catcher-first baseman, learned all about the ups-and-downs of World Series fortunes the last few years. In 1972 he was the big hero in the A's seven-game conquest of Cincinnati. Gene slugged four homers, tying a record, and set another mark with a .913 slugging percentage while batting .348. The following year New York Met pitching handcuffed him with a .158 average, and last fall Tenace batted a mere .222 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Who will the heroes—and goats—be in this year's World Series? Obviously only time will tell since there are no barometers on which to base such predictions.



Winning pitcher Steve Blass (No. 28) leaps into arms of Bob Robertson as jubilant Pittsburgh Pirates celebrate seventh-game victory over Baltimore in 1971.



John Odom of Oakland is called out at plate by Umpire Bob Engel as Johnny Bench makes tag to end fifth game of 1972 Series in 5-4 victory for Cincinnati. Odom, in role of pinch-runner, tried to score tying run after Joe Morgan made running catch of long foul fly.



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- *Most games, 3,209.
- *Most at bats, 12,082.
- *Most extra base hits, 1,458.
- *Most total bases (career), 6,721.
- *Most RBI's, 2,260.
- Most years with 100 or more runs scored, 15.
- Most years with 300 or more total bases, 15.
- Most years with 30 or more homers, 15.
- Most years with 20 or more homers, 20.
- Most consecutive years with 20 or more homers, 20.
- *Most career sacrifice flies, 119.
- Most years playing in 150 or more games, 14.
- Most years playing in 100 or more games, 21.

*Each new one adds to Hank's record.

World Series Results and Receipts

Year	A. L. Champion	N. L. Champion	Series Results	Atten- dance	Winning Share	Losing Share
1903	*Boston	Pittsburgh	5-3	100,429	\$ 1,182.00	\$ 1,316.25
1904	No Series played...					
1905	Philadelphia	New York	1-4	91,723	1,142.00	832.22
1906	*Chicago	Chicago	4-2	99,845	1,874.63	439.50
1907	Detroit	*Chicago	0-4†	78,068	2,142.85	1,945.96
1908	Detroit	*Chicago	1-4	62,232	1,317.58	870.00
1909	Detroit	*Pittsburgh	3-4	145,295	1,825.22	1,274.76
1910	*Philadelphia	Chicago	4-1	124,222	2,062.79	1,375.16
1911	*Philadelphia	New York	4-2	179,851	3,654.58	2,436.39
1912	*Boston	New York	4-3†	252,037	4,024.68	2,566.47
1913	*Philadelphia	New York	4-1	151,000	3,246.36	2,146.22
1914	*Philadelphia	*Boston	0-4	111,009	2,812.28	2,031.65
1915	*Boston	Philadelphia	4-1	143,351	3,780.25	2,520.17
1916	*Boston	Brooklyn	4-1	162,859	3,910.26	2,834.82
1917	*Chicago	New York	4-2	186,654	3,669.32	2,442.21
1918	*Boston	Chicago	4-2	128,483	1,102.51	671.09
1919	Chicago	*Cincinnati	3-5	236,928	5,207.07	3,254.36
1920	*Cleveland	Brooklyn	5-2	178,737	4,168.00	2,419.60
1921	New York	*New York	3-5	269,976	5,265.00	3,510.00
1922	New York	*New York	0-4†	185,947	4,545.71	2,842.86
1923	*New York	New York	4-2	301,430	6,143.49	4,112.88
1924	*Washington	New York	4-3	283,665	5,959.64	3,820.29
1925	Washington	*Pittsburgh	3-4	282,848	5,332.72	3,734.60
1926	New York	*St. Louis	3-4	328,051	5,584.51	3,417.75
1927	*New York	Pittsburgh	4-0	201,705	5,782.24	3,985.47
1928	*New York	St. Louis	4-0	199,072	5,813.20	4,181.30
1929	*Philadelphia	Chicago	4-1	190,490	5,620.57	3,782.01
1930	*Philadelphia	St. Louis	4-2	212,619	5,038.07	3,536.68
1931	*Philadelphia	*St. Louis	3-4	231,567	4,467.59	3,023.09
1932	*New York	Chicago	4-0	191,998	5,231.77	4,244.60
1933	Washington	*New York	1-4	163,076	4,256.72	3,019.86
1934	Detroit	*St. Louis	3-4	281,510	5,389.57	3,354.68
1935	*Detroit	Chicago	4-2	286,672	6,544.76	4,198.53
1936	*New York	New York	4-2	302,924	6,430.55	4,655.58
1937	*New York	New York	4-1	238,142	6,471.11	4,489.96
1938	*New York	Chicago	4-0	200,833	5,728.76	4,674.87
1939	*New York	Cincinnati	4-0	183,849	5,541.89	4,193.39
1940	Detroit	*Cincinnati	3-4	281,927	5,803.62	3,531.81
1941	*New York	Brooklyn	4-1	235,773	5,943.31	4,829.40
1942	New York	*St. Louis	1-4	277,101	6,192.53	3,351.77
1943	*New York	St. Louis	4-1	277,312	6,139.46	4,321.96
1944	St. Louis	*St. Louis	2-4	206,708	4,626.01	2,743.79
1945	*Detroit	Chicago	4-3	333,457	6,443.34	3,930.22
1946	Boston	*St. Louis	3-4	250,071	3,742.34	2,140.89
1947	*New York	Brooklyn	4-3	389,763	5,830.03	4,081.19
1948	Cleveland	Boston	4-2	358,362	6,772.07	4,570.73
1949	*New York	Brooklyn	4-1	236,716	5,626.74	4,272.74
1950	*New York	Philadelphia	4-0	196,009	5,737.95	4,081.34
1951	*New York	New York	4-2	341,977	6,446.09	4,951.03
1952	*New York	Brooklyn	4-3	340,706	5,982.65	4,200.64
1953	*New York	Brooklyn	4-2	307,350	8,280.68	6,178.42
1954	Cleveland	*New York	0-4	251,507	11,147.90	6,712.50
1955	New York	*Brooklyn	3-4	362,310	9,768.21	5,598.58
1956	New York	Brooklyn	4-3	345,903	8,714.76	6,934.34
1957	New York	Milwaukee	3-4	394,712	8,924.36	5,606.06
1958	*New York	Milwaukee	4-3	393,909	8,759.10	5,896.08
1959	Chicago	*Los Angeles	2-4	420,784	11,231.18	7,257.17
1960	New York	Pittsburgh	3-4	349,813	8,417.94	5,214.64
1961	*New York	Cincinnati	4-1	223,247	7,389.13	5,356.37
1962	*New York	San Francisco	4-3	376,864	9,882.74	7,291.49
1963	New York	*Los Angeles	0-4	247,279	12,794.00	7,874.32
1964	New York	*St. Louis	3-4	321,807	8,622.19	5,309.29
1965	Minnesota	*Los Angeles	3-4	364,326	10,297.43	6,634.36
1966	*Baltimore	*Los Angeles	4-0	220,791	11,683.04	8,189.36
1967	Boston	*St. Louis	3-4	304,085	8,314.81	5,115.23
1968	*Detroit	*St. Louis	4-3	379,670	10,936.66	7,078.71
1969	Baltimore	*New York	1-4	272,378	†18,338.18	†14,904.21
1970	*Baltimore	Cincinnati	4-1	253,183	†18,215.78	†13,687.59
1971	Baltimore	*Pittsburgh	3-4	351,091	†18,164.58	†13,906.46
1972	*Oakland	Cincinnati	4-3	363,149	†20,705.01	†15,080.25
1973	*Oakland	New York	4-3	358,289	†24,617.57	†14,950.18
1974	*Oakland	Los Angeles	4-1	260,004	†22,219.09	†15,703.97

Outstanding World Series Records

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

- Most hits, game - 4** - Accomplished 35 times, last by Rusty Staub, Mets, October 17, 1973.
- Most hits, Series - 13** - Bobby Richardson, Yankees, 1964, and Lou Brock, Cardinals, 1968.
- Most consecutive hits, one Series - 6** - Goose Goslin, Senators, October 6-7-8, 1924.
- Most doubles, game - 4** - Frank Isbell, White Sox, October 13, 1906.
- Most doubles, Series - 6** - Pete Fox, Tigers, 1934.
- Most triples, game - 2** - Accomplished 5 times, last by Tommy Davis, Dodgers, October 3, 1963.
- Most triples, Series - 4** - Tommy Leach, Pirates, 1903.
- Most home runs, game - 3** - Babe Ruth, Yankees, October 6, 1926 and October 9, 1928.
- Most home runs, Series - 4** - Accomplished 6 times, last by Gene Tenace, A's, 1972.
- Home runs, first two World Series at-bats** - Gene Tenace, A's, October 14, 1972.
- Most home runs, bases loaded - 1** - Accomplished 12 times, last by Dave McNally, Orioles, October 13, 1970.
- Most runs batted in, game - 6** - Bobby Richardson, Yankees, October 8, 1960.
- Most runs batted in, Series - 12** - Bobby Richardson, Yankees, 1960.
- Most bases on balls, game - 4** - Accomplished 5 times, last by Jackie Robinson, Dodgers, October 5, 1952.
- Most bases on balls, Series - 11** - Babe Ruth, Yankees, 1926, and Gene Tenace, A's, 1973.
- Most stolen bases, game - 3** - Accomplished 4 times, last two by Lou Brock, Cardinals, October 12, 1967 and October 5, 1968.
- Most stolen bases, Series - 7** - Lou Brock, Cardinals, 1967 and 1968.

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

- Most games, Series - 7** - Darold Knowles, A's, 1973.
- Most games won, Series - 3** - Accomplished 12 times, last by Mickey Lolich, Tigers, 1968.
- Most games lost, Series - 3** - Claude Williams, White Sox, 1919.
- Most innings pitched, game - 14** - Babe Ruth, Red Sox, October 9, 1916.
- Most innings pitched, Series - 44** - Deacon Phillippe, Pirates, 1903.
- Fewest hits allowed, game, nine innings - 0** - Don Larsen, Yankees, October 8, 1956 (perfect game).
- Most bases on balls, game - 10** - Bill Bevens, Yankees, October 3, 1947.
- Most bases on balls, Series - 14** - Jack Coombs, A's, 1910.
- Most strikeouts, game - 17** - Bob Gibson, Cardinals, October 2, 1968.
- Most strikeouts, Series - 35** - Bob Gibson, Cardinals, 1968.

GENERAL

- Largest attendance, game - 92,706** - At Los Angeles N.L., October 6, 1959.
- Largest attendance, Series - 420,784** - Dodgers vs. White Sox, 1959.
- Longest game, 14 innings** - Red Sox 2, Dodgers 1, October 9, 1916.
- Winning Series, after losing first two games** - Accomplished 6 times, last by Pirates in 1971.
- Winning Series, after losing first three games** - Never accomplished.
- Winning Series, after losing three of first four games** - Accomplished 4 times, last by Tigers in 1968.

*World champion. †Also played tie game. ‡Combined total for World Series and League Championship Series.

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GREAT WORLD SERIES MOMENTS

Here are the stories behind the
memorable World Series moments recreated in
LeRoy Neiman's cover painting.

A baseball fan's memory preserves the great moments on the diamond that the boxscore sees only as a statistic. The recollections are made more indelible if the moments took place in a World Series when glory and gold are on the line with every play. Some World Series moments are so uniquely memorable that they transcend even the mortal memory. They are "remembered" time and again by fans who weren't even around when they took place.

Five of the great moments featured on the cover of this publication meet this criteria. Babe Ruth's called-shot home run in 1932, Willie Mays' catch in 1954, Jackie Robinson's steal of home in 1955, Don Larsen's perfect game in 1956 and Bill Mazeroski's Series-winning home run in 1960 are replayed in the minds of fans everywhere.

The Oakland A's triumph in the 1974 Series was selected as the other memorable moment because only one other team — the New York Yankees — has ever won three consecutive World Series titles.

To be sure, there have been many great World Series moments. Stories about Christy Mathewson's three shut-

outs in the 1905 World Series; Fred Snodgrass' colossal muff in the 1912 Series; Bill Wambsganss' unassisted triple play in 1920; Casey Stengel's inside-the-park home run in a 1-0 game in 1923; Earl McNeely's game-winning grounder that hit a pebble and hopped over third baseman Fred Lindstrom's head in 1924; Pete Alexander's strikeout of Tony Lazzeri in 1926; Pepper Martin's hitting and base-running in 1931; Mickey Owen's muff of a third strike in 1941; Enos Slaughter's mad dash from first to home in 1946; Al Gionfriddo's catch of an apparent home run by Joe DiMaggio and pinch-hitter Cookie Lavagetto's game-winning hit that broke up a no-hitter in 1947; Sandy Amoros' game-saving catch in 1955; Lew Burdette's three victories in 1957; Bob Gibson's 17 strikeouts in 1967; Brooks Robinson's batting and defensive magic in 1970; Roberto Clemente's brilliant all-around play in 1971 and Gene Tenace's home run spree in 1972 are passed on from baseball fans of one generation to the next.

The front cover of this World Series program illustrates our Super Six. You may have your own super six. So be it.



Yankee whom Chicago had brought up from the minors in August, only a half share of their pennant loot. Babe Ruth, naturally, was their chief tormentor. He took special delight in letting each Cub know what he thought of him. "You cheap bums," was among the mildest of Ruth's taunts.

The Cubs, inflamed by Ruth's verbal assault, retaliated in kind. Their verbiage became more vitriolic after dropping the first two games at Yankee Stadium. Ruth merely laughed. "What a cheesy dump this is," he shouted the first time he saw Wrigley Field.

When Ruth came up in the first inning of Game 3, the Cubs' trainer called out, "If I had you on my team, I'd hitch you to a wagon," in reference to Babe's wide girth. The Babe responded by hitting a three-run homer.

In the fifth, Babe came to bat with the score tied, 4-4. This time, the Chicago bench called Ruth "Big Belly! Big Belly!" Ruth stared mockingly at the Cubs' bench, then proceeded to give the Chicago players the choke sign—the thumb and finger at the windpipe.

Charlie Root's first pitch to Ruth was a strike. The Cubs roared. The Babe merely raised one finger. He repeated the gesture after Root's second pitch, another strike.

Then the Babe made the gesture that has become legend. Looking at Root, he pointed to the outfield fence to indicate where he was going to hit the next pitch. The Chicago bench howled in derision as Ruth pointed. Ruth ended the howling with his next swing. The Sultan of Swat hit Root's pitch over the wall. The homer cleared the fence near the spot where Ruth pointed. As he rounded third base, Ruth made an exaggerated low bow to the Cub dugout to let them know he was the star. Was there any doubt about it?

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September 29, 1954. Spectacular is the word to describe Willie Mays' incredible catch of a 460-foot drive by Vic Wertz in the opening game of the 1954 World Series at the Polo Grounds. Many think it was the greatest catch ever made, one so unique in style that it has no match in baseball annals. Mays himself declined to rank his grab with other great ones. "I don't want to compare 'em. I just want to catch 'em," he explained.



Mays was in his customary center field spot as the Giants' Sal Maglie and Cleveland's Bob Lemon battled on even terms through seven innings. The score was 2-2 when Larry Doby walked to open the Indians' eighth and Al Rosen moved him to second with an infield hit. The next batter was Vic Wertz, who had tripled and singled twice in his first three times at bat. At this point, Giant manager Leo Durocher replaced Maglie with lefty Don Liddle to face the lefthanded-hitting Cleveland first baseman.

Wertz hit Liddle's first pitch to the deepest reaches of the Polo Grounds. The instant Wertz' bat connected with the pitch, Mays started running toward the bleachers.

October 1, 1932. Bitter feelings ran deep between the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees during the 1932 Series. The Yankees were riled because the Cubs voted Mark Koenig, a former

Racing at top speed with his back to the plate, Willie reached over his left shoulder with outstretched arms to haul in the ball at full gallop some 460 feet from home plate.

Having caught the ball, Mays whirled around and threw it to the cutoff man behind second base, Davey Williams. Doby sped to third, but Mays' tremendous throw prevented Rosen from advancing to second and getting in scoring position.

Undoubtedly, this brilliant play robbed the Indians of a chance of winning in regulation play. The game remained deadlocked, 2-2, after nine innings of play.

Marv Grissom, the Giants' hurler, turned back the Indians without a score in the Cleveland tenth. With two Giants on the basepaths and one out in the bottom of the tenth, Durocher inserted his demon pinch-hitter, Dusty Rhodes, for Monte Irvin, the Giants' hitting star in the 1951 World Series. As he had done so often during the regular season, Rhodes delivered in the pinch, socking a three-run homer into the right-field stands to give the Giants a 5-2 victory. Rhodes' dramatic homer paved the way for New York's four-game sweep over Cleveland.

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September 28, 1955. He created havoc on the basepaths. He carried a flaming spirit in every contest. He took risks that were shunned by others and he actually stole runs for the Dodgers. His mere presence on the basepaths was enough to upset the opposing pitcher. He was a lion at the plate and a tiger on the field. He was at his best when it counted the most.



All these things made Jackie Robinson the most dynamic figure, the most colorful player, the fiercest competitor, perhaps the greatest all-around player the Dodgers ever had.

The ten years that Jackie Robinson played at Ebbets Field were the most exciting in the 68-year history of the Dodgers in Brooklyn. During those hectic ten years, the team won six pennants and one World Championship.

The year of Brooklyn's first—and only—World Championship was 1955. For the first time since creation of man, a Dodger team had become the undisputed ruler of Baseball. At the finish, when Pee Wee Reese sure-handedly threw out Ellie Howard for the twenty-seventh out, the capacity-filled park exploded with human emotion as the entire Dodger team raced out on the field to congratulate the player who made it possible, a straw-thatched young lefthander named Johnny Podres.

Jackie Robinson, beset by injuries, did not play in that final game, but it was his bat, his glove and his ever-menacing feet that kept the Dodgers in there and made that final game possible. In the third game, the first Dodger victory, Jackie handled seven assists at third base, some most difficult, hit a double and single and foisted Yankee outfielder Ellie Howard into letting him take an extra base on his seventh-inning double.

The Yankees won the opener but not before Robinson had scared them half to death with his daring steal of home late in the game that brought the Dodgers to within one run of a tie.

The Dodgers came to bat in the eighth trailing the Yankees, 6-3. Carl Furillo opened with a single and after Gil Hodges flied out, Robinson hit a hard hopper that skidded through third baseman Gil McDougald's legs. Furillo raced to third and Robby to second on the miscue. Don Zimmer flied deep to center, scoring Furillo, and Robinson took third on the sacrifice. With pinch-hitter Frank Kellert batting for Don Bessent, Robby sneaked up

the line and broke for the plate. Whitey Ford, taken completely by surprise, tried to hurry his pitch and it came in a bit high. The ball appeared to get to the plate ahead of the runner, but Jackie slid across as catcher Yogi Berra came down on top of him with the ball. Yogi screamed wildly as plate umpire Bill Summers called the runner safe. It was the ninth steal of home in World Series history.

The Yankees managed to protect their slim lead, but Jackie's bold swipe of home seemed to give his teammates the lift they needed. They went on to win three of the next four games and on October 4, the same date in 1861 when the Union Army massed for battle on the Potomac during the War between the States, in 1940 when Hitler and Mussolini met at Brenner Pass, and in 1944 when the U.S. Army broke through the German West Wall, the Dodgers at long last ended the Yankees' dominance over them that had extended through five World Series.

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 October 8, 1956. Don Larsen was on the mound for New York in Game 5 against Brooklyn at Yankee Stadium. The Dodgers had hit him freely in Game 2 only three days earlier. Matched against Larsen was Sal "The Barber" Maglie, who beat the Yankees in the opener.

Both pitchers hurled shutout ball through three innings, but Larsen had the better of it, retiring nine Dodgers in a row. After Larsen pushed his string to 12 in the fourth, the Yankees scored a run in their half of the inning. They added another run in the sixth.

While 64,519 fans watched, Larsen continued to mow down the Dodger sluggers one after another.

By the eighth inning, every pitch was greeted with cheers by the partisan crowd. Using a no-windup delivery, the tall righty set down the Dodgers in order in the eighth. When Larsen came to bat in the Yankee eighth, the crowd gave him a thunderous ovation.

Larsen was now three outs away from pitching the first perfect game in World Series history. Carl Furillo, a dangerous hitter, flied out for the first out in the ninth. Roy Campanella grounded out. A strange hush fell over the stadium as Dale Mitchell came to bat for Maglie. Larsen's first pitch was a ball. Mitchell swung at the second pitch and missed. The count went to 1-2 when Mitchell fouled off the next delivery. Larsen then threw a pitch on the outside corner of the plate. Mitchell cocked his bat, but let the pitch go by. Umpire Babe Pinelli called it a strike to end the game. Within moments, pandemonium erupted as fans and Yankee players poured onto the field to congratulate the man who had just made baseball history with a perfect World Series game.

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 October 13, 1960. Number 13 was the lucky number for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 1960 Series against the Yankees as Bill Mazeroski picked that October day to hit a dramatic, ninth-inning homer that gave Pittsburgh its first World Championship in 35 years.

It figures that strange things would happen in a Series where 13 was a lucky number. After all, the Pirates won even though they were outscored, 55 to 27, and outhit, 91-60.

Nearly 37,000 fans jammed Pittsburgh's Forbes Field for the decisive seventh game, which pitted the Pirates'

Vernon Law against New York's Bob Turley. Pittsburgh knocked Turley out early, jumping off to a 4-0 lead. In the Yankee sixth, Yogi Berra put the Yankees out in front, 5-4, with a tremendous three-run homer. The Yankees added two more runs in the eighth for a 7-4 lead.

The Pirates came alive in the home eighth, scoring five runs. Fate figured in the Pittsburgh rally when an apparent double play ball to Tony Kubek struck a pebble and hit the Yankee shortstop in the throat. Instead of two out and the bases empty, there were two on and none out. Hal Smith, a reserve catcher, delivered the big hit of the inning, a three-run homer to put the Pirates back in front. But the Yankees refused to fold. They pushed two runs across in the ninth to knot the score.

Mazeroski led off the home ninth against Ralph Terry, the fifth Yankee pitcher. He took Terry's first pitch for a ball and then smashed the game-winning homer over the left field wall to drive all Pittsburgh delirious.

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October 17, 1974. In winning a third consecutive championship last October, the Oakland A's accomplished what only one other baseball organization accomplished. The New York Yankees of 1936-39 won four straight World Series. Ten years later, the Yankees began a victory string that lasted through five World Series.

"We're a lot alike," Reggie Jackson was saying as the A's entered the American League Championship Series in hopes of making a run at No. 4. "The Yankees lost a few but won the big ones. So do we."

In one respect the early Yankees and the present A's are alike. The Yankees in their heyday played the basic game of baseball better than any of their rivals. So have the A's. The Yankees believed they could win every day. So do the A's. This is where the similarity ends, however. The haughty, precise, pin-striped Yankee teams, between 1936 and 1953, were the ultimate symbols of orthodox excellence; the rambunctious, mustachioed A's, with their unconcealed squabbles and cheerful outspokenness, almost have taken pride in doing everything that is unorthodox.

While the Yankees simply annihilated their opposition, the A's had to scrap for every victory. For example, nine of the A's 12 World Series triumphs were gained by the margin of one run. Only once in 19 games did they score more than five runs in a game. In winning three consecutive World Championships, the A's failed to get a complete game from any of their pitchers. The inability of the pitchers to finish what they started enabled Rollie Fingers, the superb fireman, to register a record six saves.

All this doesn't mean to imply that the A's did not deserve their laurels. Anyone who failed to appreciate the A's was too busy observing their appearance and their antics instead of observing how they play baseball.

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About LeRoy Neiman



The cover for the World Series program, "Six Great World Series Moments," was created by LeRoy Neiman, the noted artist. Mr. Neiman, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, was educated at the University of Chicago, and later studied art at the St. Paul Art Center and School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He lives and works in New York City.

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CASEY STENGEL

a Man for all Seasons

By Joe Reichler

The death of Casey Stengel leaves a vacuum in baseball that can never be filled. There was only one Casey Stengel. How could there ever be another? He was without doubt the game's greatest Ambassador. He spread the gospel throughout America, Indeed, throughout the entire world—and his gospel was baseball. He was the most colorful character baseball has ever known.

Stengel spent 65 years in baseball, as a player, manager and club executive. His greatest years of glory were with the Yankees.

It is ironic that when the mighty New York Yankees announced, on the afternoon of October 12, 1948, that they had signed Casey Stengel to succeed Bucky Harris as manager of the most successful ball club in the major leagues, most baseball writers concluded that the Yankees had hired Stengel to keep the audience amused while general manager George Weiss rebuilt the team. Old age, they said, had caught up with the Yankees, and an odd character like Stengel was an ideal choice to hold the fort while reinforcements were being located and brought up to the Stadium.

Win the pennant? How silly can you get? Not with Stengel. Why, the old man had managed nine years in the National League and had won more guffaws than ball games. Did not the Dodgers even pay him a full year's salary once not to manage the club?

Never were so many experts so wrong. Stengel not only won the pennant in 1949, his first year as manager of the Yankees, but he went on to direct the Yankees to 10 pennants in 12 years. In seven of those years he won the world championship. In the years he lost, his teams finished second and third. His record of five consecutive World Series triumphs has never been matched.

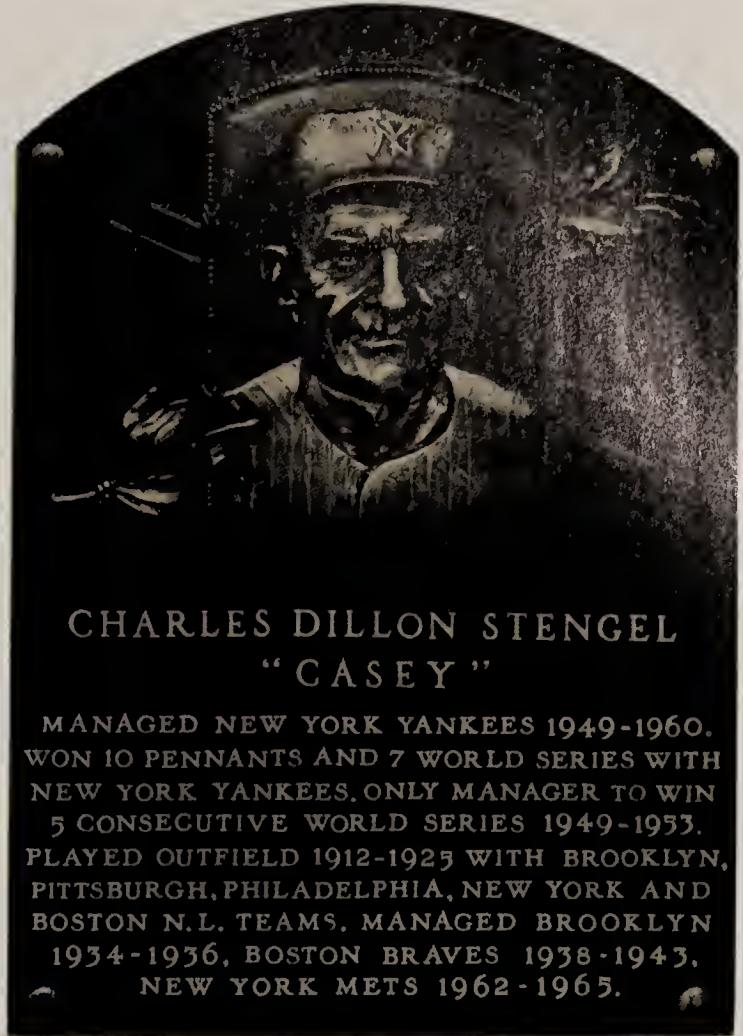
Stengel was not without his skeptics, however. There were some who insisted he was lucky to have such a wealth of material to work with. They cited his incoherencies, his inconsistencies, his fracture of the English language. He was a clown . . . a buffoon?

Casey was a clown. An authentic clown, with the gestures, the grimaces, the winks, even the pratfalls. But he was not a buffoon. He was a skilled practitioner who could size up a comic effect as accurately as he could sense a pitcher's fading stuff. For all his weird shifts in strategy and weirder use of the English language, he was a genius as a manager. A superb baseball tactician, a master strategist, his manipulations of the players were based on sound, solid reasoning, the percentages and his precise knowledge of every player in the league, his strength and his weaknesses. True, he had a wealth of material to work with, but he made the most of it.

In many ways, the old campaigner, this paradoxical personality christened Charles Dillon, but known throughout the world as Casey, was the most remarkable man ever to wear a baseball uniform. No one had a more consuming devotion to baseball or knew more about the game.

His memory was unbelievable. After a game, he could play it back to the audience pitch by pitch. His physical endurance was astounding. He had the constitution of an ox. "Most people my age are dead," he was fond of saying. In addition he was a master of public relations which made him a daily target of not only his local writers but all visiting newspapermen, magazine writers and broadcasters. He usually regaled them, telling different stories to different people. Nobody minded. Not all may have been newsworthy. But they were always funny.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., on July 30, 1890, Casey entered Western Dental College in Kansas City after he graduated from high school. But baseball was his consuming interest, and it



CHARLES DILLON STENGEL
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wasn't much of a struggle for him to decide to quit college when he got a chance to sign with Kankakee and become a professional player. That was in 1910. Casey loved to talk about his days as a busher, earning \$75 a month. At age 20, he was already a clown. He wore loud ties with his baseball uniform and he insisted on practicing sliding while he trotted to his position in the outfield. "There was a lunatic asylum across the centerfield fence," he recalled. "Them guys in the loony bin always cheered when they saw me slide. But my manager used to tap his forehead and point at the asylum and say, 'It's only a matter of time, Stengel.' "

By 1912, gags and all, Stengel made it to the majors. He was purchased by the Dodgers. "The Dodgers sent a scout to Montgomery in midseason of 1912 to look me over, see?" he said. "It is a doubleheader and I have a pretty good day for myself, which you could look it up. I made six hits and a couple of tree-menjus catches in the outfield. I also make a couple of tree-menjus throws—except that I threw 'em to the wrong base. I am so fast that I overrun one base and am tagged out. I steal a couple of bases, which is embarrassing for me because there's runners already on them. So this scout wires back his report to Charlie Ebbets, which owns the Dodgers. 'Stengel is the world's greatest ballplayer—from the neck down.' "

Lovable Wilbert Robinson was managing the Dodgers then and Stengel was a ball player after "Uncle Robbie's" heart. In 1916 he talked the Dodger manager into trying to catch a baseball dropped from one of those new-fangled flying machines. Robbie waited confidently on the bench, mitt poised, unaware that Casey had substituted a grapefruit for the ball. The plane passed overhead at 400 feet. Uncle Robbie settled under the diving speck that dropped into his hands. But the big sphere slipped through his hands and burst into a wet, red mess on his chest. "My God, I'm killed, I'm dead. Look at that blood. My chest is caved in, somebody help me!" screamed the terrified manager. Casey roared with laughter.

Two years later, Casey was traded to Pittsburgh. Brooklyn fans, who had learned to love him, cheerfully razed him the first time he turned up at Ebbets Field in an enemy uniform. Let Casey tell the rest.

"Well, I'm in right field and alongside me is the Dodger bullpen, where I see our pitcher, Leon Cadore, chasing a sparrow. Now I'm not sure whether this is an old sparrow who ain't moving so good anymore or a young one who ain't yet learned how to fly so good. But Leon caught it. The inning is over, I asked him for the bird and stuck it under my cap. He scratched a bit but stayed quiet maybe from inhaling my dandruff."

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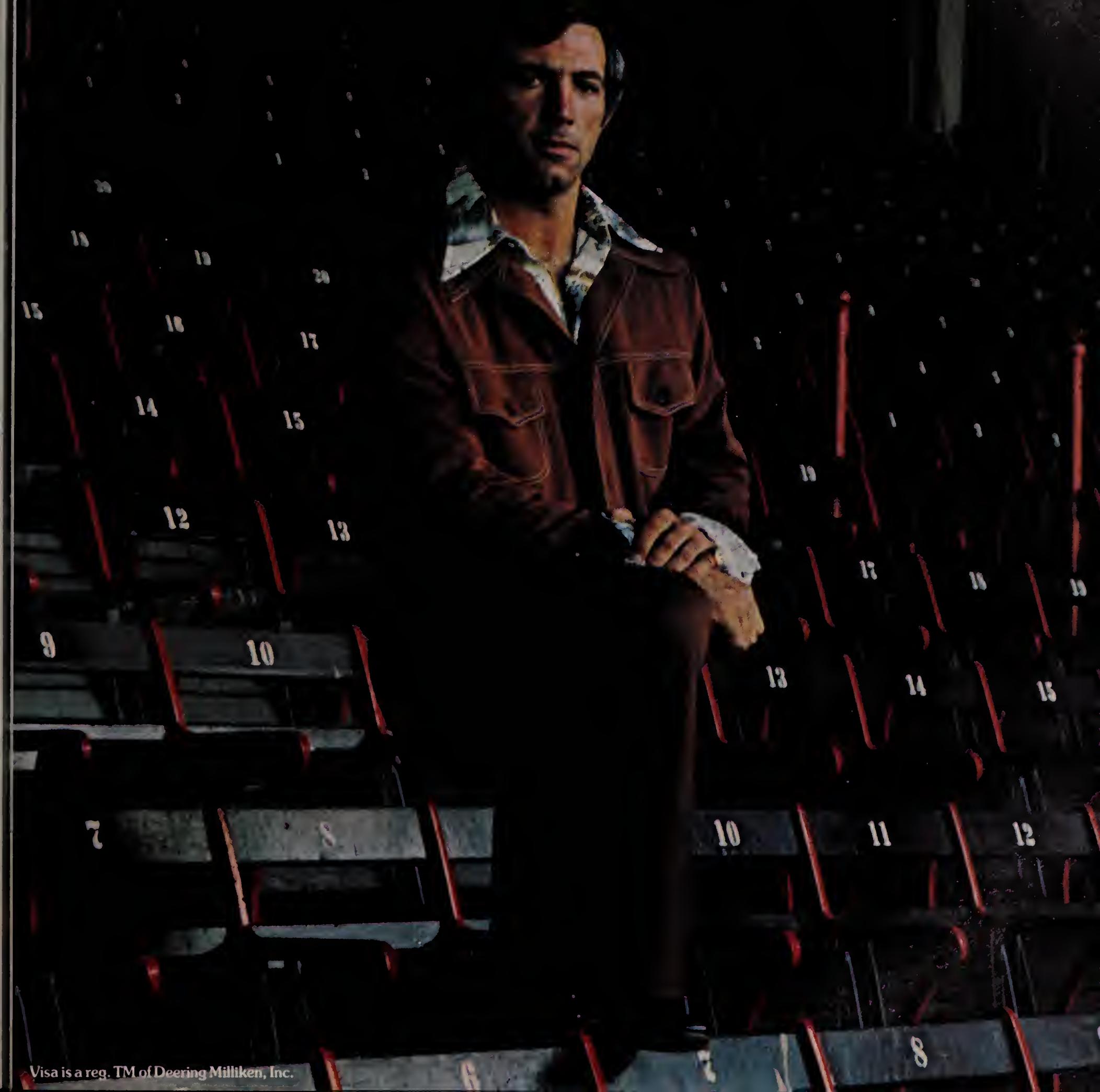
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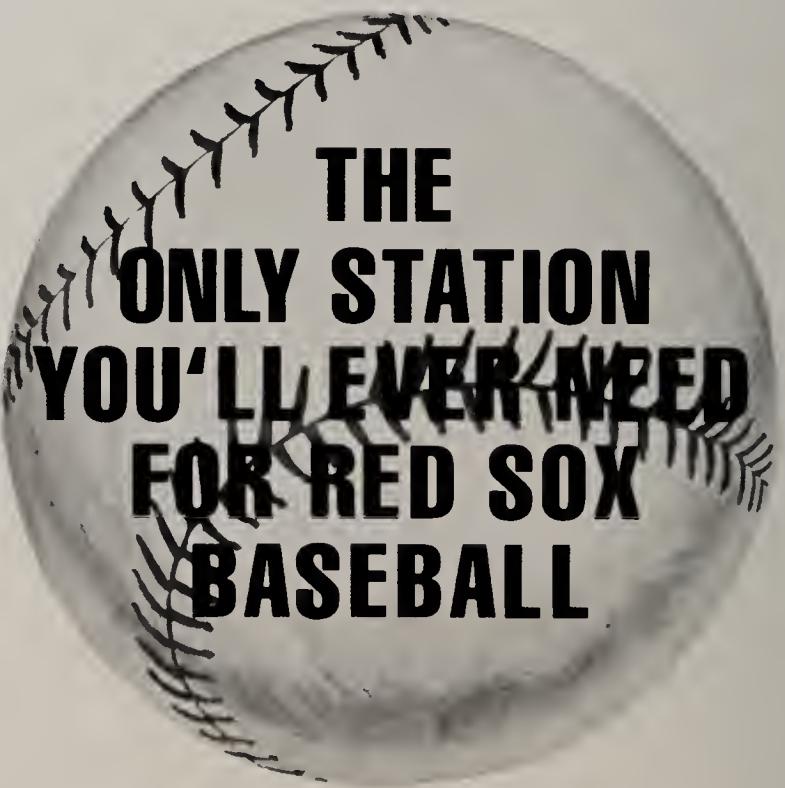
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"The best part of being involved with all this," he said one day recently, waving his hand to indicate the park, "is that it keeps me in contact with good young Americans. Does that sound corny? Well, there are good young Americans, you know. All the young people aren't breaking into churches or stealing televisions sets."

The current Red Sox are loaded with young players, and Yawkey has made it a point to become acquainted with them all.

Early last season, V.P. Haywood Sullivan took Yawkey to Pawtucket to watch Jim Rice and Fred Lynn, and to meet them. Yawkey was impressed, not only with the way they could play, but with the two as human beings. He's seen nothing to change his opinion.

"I'm not going to say I thought they'd make the splash they have up here," he said. "But Rice, with that short stroke, you knew he could hit anywhere when he became selective with pitches. And Lynn, he was so impressive, an all-around instinctive player who does the little things some never learn."

And keeping young also means understanding that everyone doesn't march to the same drummer. Tom Yawkey is fond of Bill Lee.

"Bill's a helluva thinking guy. He relieves the tension. Just because a man plays ball for a living doesn't mean he can't have opinions about things outside baseball. He doesn't break any laws with his conversation. There's nobody on the ball club I've had better one-on-one talks with than Bill Lee."

Yawkey, comparing 1967 with the season just past, said that '67 was a bigger surprise.

"Things just broke right. (Dick) Williams did a helluva job as manager, and kids like Reggie Smith and Mike Andrews came through.

"This team has more bench and we got help from so many people. Doyle, Willoughby, Burleson did such a job, he's a winning ball player. And Lynn and Rice, of course, well heck, you don't win anything without everybody on the team contributing."

There were times, of course, when baseball life wasn't so exciting, times when the agony of defeat, as they say on Wide World of Sports, exceeded the thrill of victory.

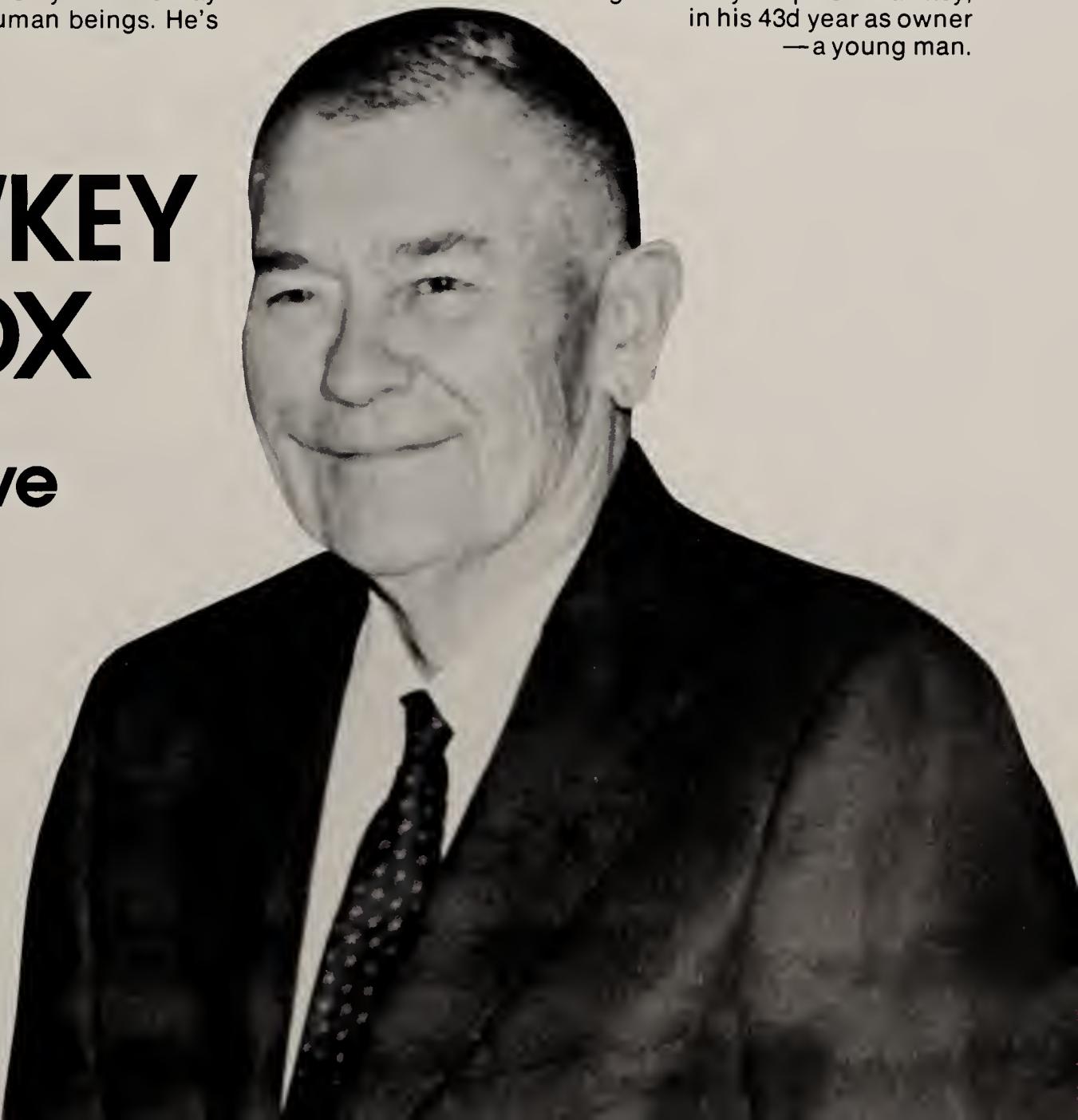
"I must admit I didn't always look forward to the next ball game," Yawkey said, "and once or twice, I felt like chucking the whole thing. But we all feel that way sometimes. All of us, at one time or another, wonder if it's all been worth it."

But, baseball's his game and the Red Sox his team, and together they keep Tom Yawkey, in his 43d year as owner —a young man.

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THE MAN BEHIND THE SCENE --- DICK O'CONNELL

by Dave O'Hara
New England A.P. Sports Editor



Shortly after World War II, a freshly discharged Naval officer dropped into the Red Sox' office at Fenway Park. It marked a fateful decision for Richard H. "Dick" O'Connell and the Red Sox.

Now, nearly 30 years later, O'Connell is the No. 2 man in the Red Sox' organization, the Executive vice president and General Manager under owner and president Tom Yawkey.

Dick O'Connell is no stranger in the baseball world. He is quoted often in newspapers and magazines and on radio and television. His picture is prominent in the media throughout the year. However, he remains the "man behind the scene" in many respects.

O'Connell, with Yawkey's blessing, has surrounded himself with high calibre personnel, men who make a baseball organization successful.

However, Dick O'Connell oversees the entire operation. Some decisions may appear snap judgments, but everything is carefully thought out, most of the time through preparation and discussions.

"We rarely, if ever, do anything on the spur of the moment," O'Connell says. "Even when we make trades, a great deal of work goes into all phases, such as scouting reports and all. We don't try to leave anything to chance, although in a player deal there is always such an element."

A native of Winthrop, Mass., O'Connell attended his local schools. He went on to Boston College, playing both baseball, as a first baseman, and football as an undergraduate, and later earning his Master's degree. He became a teacher-coach in a prep school and played sandlot ball with many outstanding players just prior to World War II.

At Pearl, O'Connell met Eddie Doherty, the Red Sox' publicist at the time, on leave during the war. Doherty asked Dick one time what he planned to do after the war. O'Connell said he didn't know and was invited to visit Fenway Park.

"I was always interested in baseball, but I really wasn't thinking about a job with the Red Sox when I visited Ed that day," Dick says. "It's funny how things work out."

O'Connell, introduced around, was hired. In 1946, he became the business manager of the Lynn Red Sox in the old Class B New England League. A short time later, he was promoted to the parent club. He became home secretary in 1949, director of park operations in 1951, executive vice president of business operations in 1960.

Then, in 1965, owner Tom Yawkey made a big decision. Displeased with the Red Sox' dismal records, he fired Mike Higgins as general manager and named O'Connell to the post. It was a coincidence that Dave Morehead pitched a no-hitter for the Red Sox that day.

It's been no coincidence, however, that the Red Sox have become an American League power since Dick O'Connell's appointment. Tough but fair, quiet but outspoken when necessary, he is one of the most respected executives in baseball. In fact, he's the only non-owner permitted, by direction of Yawkey, to sit in on owners' meetings.

In 1967, O'Connell swung mid-season trades for Gary Bell, Jerry Adair and Elston Howard. The Red Sox won the pennant. Later, he made key trades for many other players such as Ray Culp, Luis Aparicio, and Doug Griffin.

The Red Sox remained out of the trade market last winter, waiting for a scheduled inter-league deal opening in March. That opening was ended by the refusal of the players' association to go along. However, O'Connell was not perturbed. He waited patiently.

Late in spring training he sent shortstop Mario Guerrero to the St. Louis Cardinals for a player to be named later. When the Red Sox needed a relief pitcher, he named Jim Willoughby as the player. Willoughby has helped tremendously. And, of course, no fan ever will forget the acquisition of second baseman Denny Doyle from the California Angels.

"Every trade is a gamble, you just go out and look for winning ballplayers," Dick says. "When trades work, you look good. When they don't, you have to forget about it."

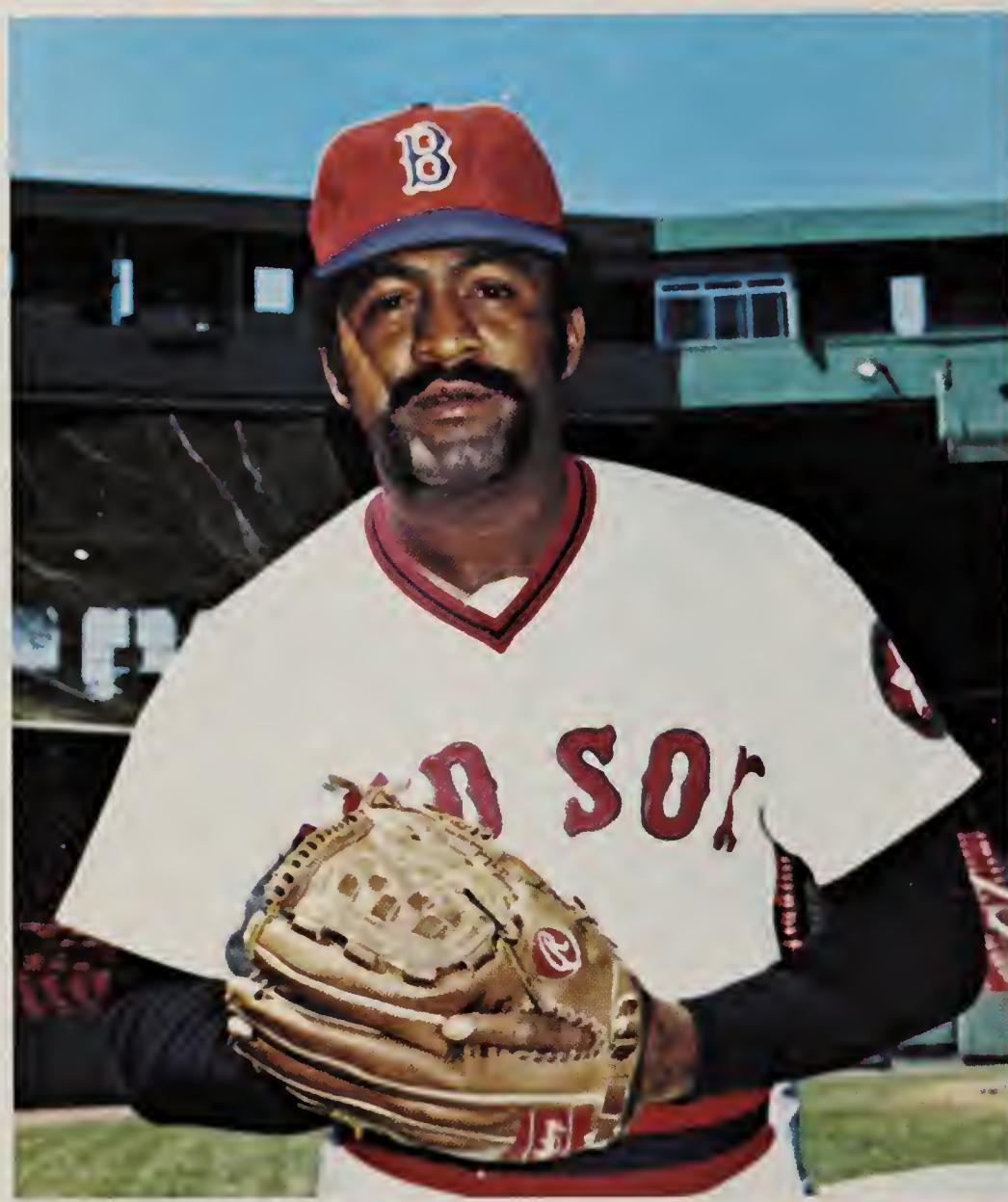
Dick O'Connell may be tough, but he's fair. Just ask Bernie Carbo, the only player ever to take the Red Sox to arbitration. Carbo, after a so-so first season with the Red Sox in 1974, asked for a sizeable raise. The Red Sox, O'Connell, refused, and then won at the arbitration table. Many observers thought Carbo would be let go by the Red Sox.

"Heck, no," O'Connell said. "Bernie is a good kid. He just had bad advice. I even made a point to visit with him in Florida. Look at the way he's helped us out this year."

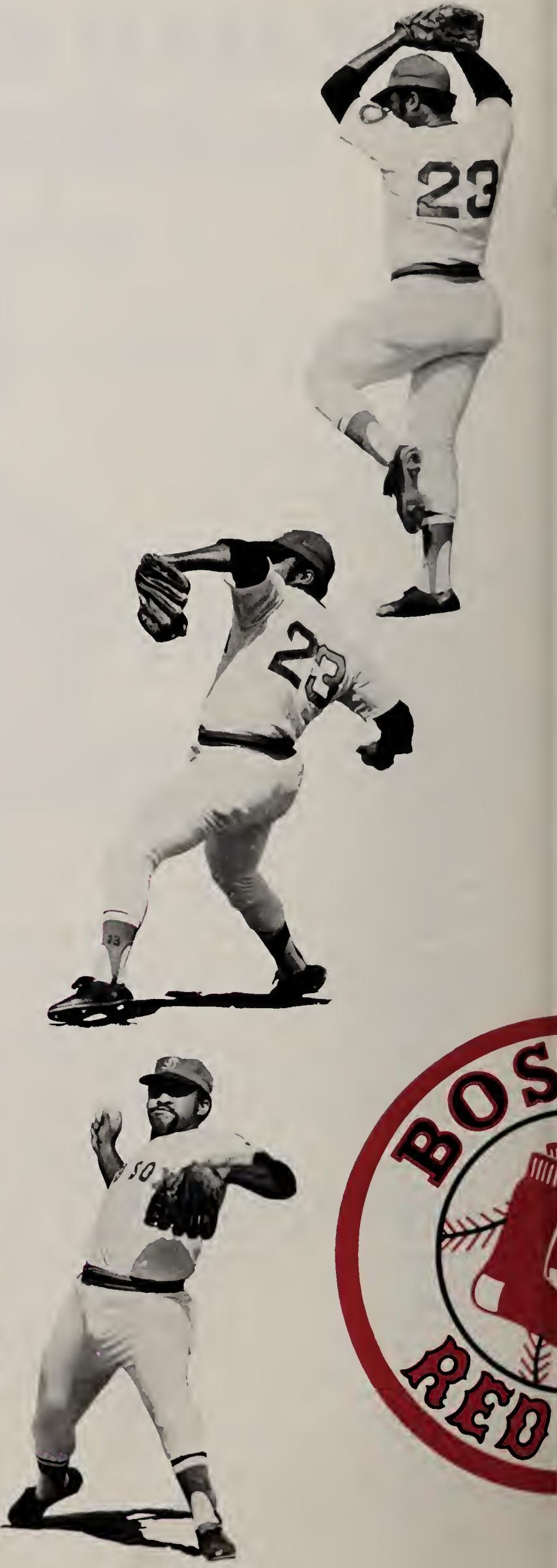
"I didn't know what to expect, but now I understand things better because of Mr. O'Connell," Carbo said. "You know, he's the first general manager who ever really talked to me. He talked to me in spring training and made me feel welcome!"

That's Dick O'Connell—the man behind the scene! But always around somewhere, in the clubhouse, dugout, stands, on the roof, his office. You name it.

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HIGHLIGHTS

American League*

It was an upbeat year in the American League in 1975. It was the year the young Boston Red Sox gained the Eastern Division crown for the first time. And the Oakland A's won the Western Division championship for the fifth consecutive year.

The season was highlighted by the stolen base, with the California Angels soaring past the 200 mark; the home run and the 20-game winner . . . all common occurrences in 1975.

It was also an upbeat year in the American League as the focus of attention was directed at an amazing number of young stars who emerged in the league's seventy-fifth season of play.

The accomplishments of the Red Sox and A's are described in a later section of this publication. Following are the season resumes of the ten other American League clubs:



Jim Palmer, 1975 A.L. earned-run leader, prepares to deliver fastball for Orioles.

Baltimore Orioles

For the third straight year the Orioles stumbled through the early months of the season and then rallied strongly to make a late rush for the division title. For the first time in those three years, the comeback fell short.

The Birds' ineffectual beginning was climaxed late in May by a seven-game losing streak, longest since 1968, and on May 28 they were ten games under .500 at 16-26. The lowest team batting average in the league and spotty relief pitching were the principal culprits.

It was a month after low ebb that rejuvenation began in earnest—June 27 to be precise. From that date to mid-August, the Orioles were the hottest club in the league at 35-16, but gained little ground on the rampaging Red Sox.

As a matter of fact, the Orioles were well into their hot spell when they fell almost out of sight, 9½ games behind Boston on August 3. Later the Red Sox' edge diminished grudgingly and Earl Weaver's prediction that the Birds would gain an average of one game per week and catch the leaders in September remained realistic until the final stages of the season.

The Orioles' surge featured the return of Jim Palmer to Cy Young Award form, offensive contributions by Ken Singleton and Lee May, both obtained from the National League in off-season trades, the hitting of veterans Don Baylor, Bobby Grich and Tommy Davis, the pitching of newcomer Mike Torrez and old-timer Mike Cuellar, and, as usual, the American League's best defense.

Palmer led the majors in victories and shutouts and the American League in ERA. May was among the league's RBI leaders.

Unfortunately, in the final appraisal, Baltimore fell short primarily because the Red Sox were a much improved club and the Orioles had too many .200 hitters in their regular lineup, four on almost every given day. It was just too great a handicap.

Orioles



Mickey Rivers steals another base for Angels as Chisox' Bucky Dent awaits ball.

California Angels

According to the Chinese calendar, 1975 is the "Year of the Rabbit." The California Angels made it the year of the "jackrabbit."

Quick-footed youngsters turned Anaheim Stadium into a greyhound park and the Angels became the first team since the 1918 Pittsburgh Pirates to steal more than 200 bases. They legged out infield hits, ran singles into doubles and scored from first on singles to further fray the nerves of rival batteries.

Many astute scribes termed the Angels a throwback to the teams of a half century ago. They bunted and ran and played for runs one at a time. The club's triple and home run totals were nearly equal as leg muscle pinch-hit for arm muscle in most instances.

Catalyst to the "bunt and run" attack was Mickey Rivers. The swift centerfielder led the majors in triples and set a club record for stolen bases.

The adage that "crime doesn't pay" often was borne out, however. It seemed for every base the Angels stole they were victimized in the training room. A staggering injury toll broke up the heralded starting rotation.

Major league strikeout king Nolan Ryan became chairman of the infirmary. Assorted arm and leg ailments slowed his fabled "express" to commuter speed. Still, he managed to throw his fourth career no-hitter on June 1 against Baltimore to join Sandy Koufax as the only men with more than three no-hitters to their credit.

Youth abounded throughout the roster as a farm system judged best in baseball in 1974 began paying dividends. An "incubator infield" of Dave Chalk, 25; Mike Miley, 22; Jerry Remy, 22, and Bruce Bochte, 24, gained valuable experience as a unit. Young pitchers Frank Tanana, 22; Don Kirkwood, 25, and Ed Figueroa, 26, took up the slack while veterans were ailing. Outfielders Dave Collins, 22; Morris Nettles, 23, and John Balaz, 24, gave indications that stardom was near.



Jim Kaat shows form that made veteran lefty a 20-game winner for White Sox.



Frank Robinson surrounded by photographers in Cleveland opener.

Chicago White Sox

The White Sox' budding young stars showed tendencies toward blossoming this year and thus have given Chicago fans encouragement for the 1976 campaign.

Bucky Dent, runnerup for American League Rookie of the Year honors in 1974, continued his brilliant performance. He led all contemporaries in a majority of defensive departments, and for the second successive season no A.L. shortstop surpassed him in executing double plays.

At the plate, Dent, 24, flirted with the .300 mark early in the season, which led to his selection for the All-Star Game by A.L. manager Alvin Dark.

Jorge Orta, 24-year-old second baseman, finished over the .300 mark for the second consecutive season to demonstrate that his bat is one of the best in the league.

Hard-throwing Rick Gossage, also 24, kept the A.L. Fireman of the Year Award in Chicago by combining for more victories and saves than any other pitcher in the loop.

Teammate Terry Forster, who won the 1974 Fireman award, pitched only 37 innings this year before being sidelined for the season with arm trouble. The loss of this outstanding 23-year-old southpaw and the shelving of righthander Bart Johnson for the entire season were the main factors that kept the Sox from being contenders.

Another Sox star who blossomed was Brian Downing. In his first season as starting catcher, Downing, 25, proved to be—as Manager Chuck Tanner put it—"the best young catcher in the American League."

All of the White Sox glitter did not come from this 25-and-under group, however. Jim Kaat, the winningest active lefthander in the majors, registered his second consecutive 20-victory season at the age of 36.

With Kaat and veteran Wilbur Wood, 33, furnishing the leadership and inspiration, 1976 could easily become the "Year of Blossom" for the White Sox.

Cleveland Indians

The historic debut of Frank Robinson as manager of the Cleveland Indians saw a season of new, fresh faces and new "old" faces added to the scene.

Robinson, fourth on baseball's all-time home-run list, entered his twentieth season in a new role, that of player-manager—the majors' first since 1961. Typical of Frank, who is one of the game's greatest competitors, he hoped to go all the way in his first year. Realistically he set the .500 mark as a stepping stone to the top.

In the Indians' season inaugural, Frank again demonstrated his clutch-hitting ability. The largest opening-day crowd in the majors this year—56,715—was on hand. So many photographers were present that Frank could barely kneel in the on-deck circle, but in his first at-bat he tagged the Yankees' Doc Medich for a homer. It was a memorable moment in Cleveland history.

Eventually Robinson became known as the manager of the Indians, not as baseball's first black manager, and the new faces became part of the Indians' picture. The nucleus—George Hendrick, Frank Duffy, Buddy Bell, Charlie Spikes, John Ellis, Oscar Gamble—remained the same, but trades and the farm system produced change.

Boog Powell came all the way back from two off-seasons with Baltimore. He was the Tribe's most consistent hitter, both for power and average. Dave LaRoche combined with Tom Buskey to give the club its best lefty-righty bullpen duo in years. Rico Carty, signed late in 1974, hit his usual .300 and carried the team much of the second half.

But the biggest changes came in the starting pitching. Veterans Gaylord and Jim Perry were replaced by such new faces as 20-year-old rookie sensation Dennis Eckersley, Roric Harrison and Don Hood.

Another impressive development was the emergence of rookies Rick Manning and Duane Kuiper.

White Sox

Angels

Indians



Shortstop Tom Veryzer checks Umpire's signal after tagging Yanks' Bobby Bonds.

Detroit Tigers

A 19-game losing streak is not recommended for any team, but the Tigers are hoping their 1975 tailspin, only one game below the league record, might become a factor in trial-by-fire development of the youngsters upon whom they are depending for the coming seasons.

It was an up-and-down campaign for Manager Ralph Houk and his young men, who came off the floor early in July for a nine-game winning streak, only to drop 19 in a row as July turned into August.

Sharp fluctuations are expected of young teams and the Tigers opened their learn-as-you-go season with that in mind. What they did not anticipate were serious injuries to relief ace John Hiller and handyman Mickey Stanley just when they were needed most.

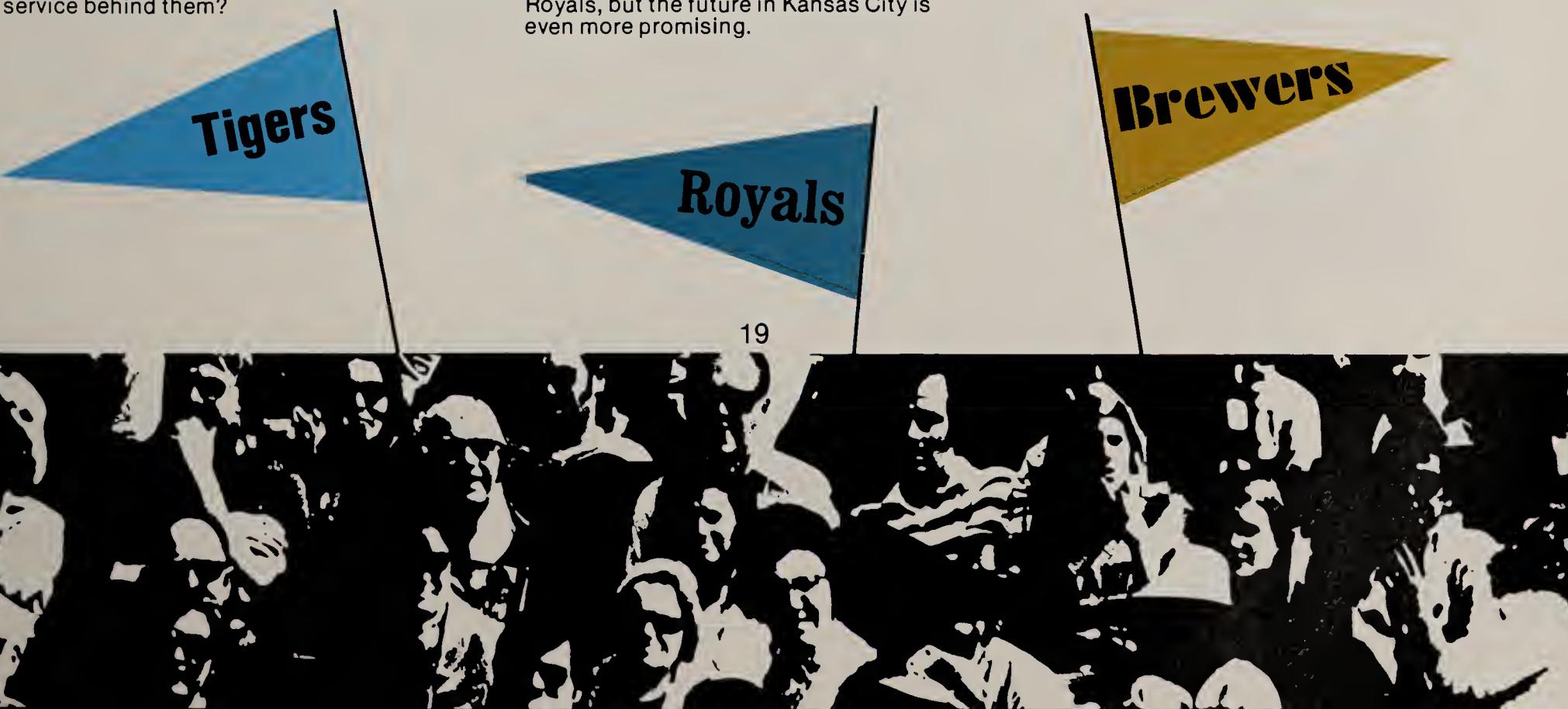
There were two remarkable developments in the determined campaign of the troubled Tigers, who sometimes found five or six rookies in their starting lineup—Dan Meyer and Tom Veryzer in the infield; Leon Roberts and Ron LeFlore (non-rookie only in a technical sense) in the outfield; Vern Ruhle on the mound and John Wockenfuss behind the plate.

Never during all of their problem periods did the Tiger youngsters crack or panic. That's why Houk, patient as always, and General Manager Jim Campbell look toward 1976 with optimism.

Equally remarkable were the Tigers' fans. Warned about the dangerous shoals ahead, they nevertheless continued to turn out faithfully, passing the million mark for the twenty-eighth time in the last 31 seasons.

In a sense, this year may have marked the end of one era and the beginning of another. Late in the season, there was a Recognition Day for five players with ten or more consecutive seasons in Detroit uniform—Gates Brown, Bill Freehan, Willie Horton, Mickey Lolich and Stanley.

Who knows when the Tigers again will have that many with so much distinguished service behind them?



Hal McRae breaks up double play by taking out Jerry Remy of Angels.



Bob Sheldon evades slide by Rangers' Toby Harrah to complete double play.

Kansas City Royals

In a period of just seven years, the Kansas City Royals have emerged as one of the American League's most competitive teams. Born of expansion in 1969, the Royals wasted little time developing a winning club and have enjoyed more success than any other new major league franchise in a comparable span of time.

Since 1971, the Royals have earned three second-place finishes in the Western Division behind the world champion Oakland A's.

But of more importance, the Royals' future appears to be bright. The nucleus of the team is built around a solid group of players, all in their prime, coupled with a blend of promising young talent and several key veterans.

Leading the Royals on the field is Whitey Herzog, who succeeded Jack McKeon as manager on July 24. Herzog enjoyed considerable success in guiding the club through the second half of the season.

Herzog's nucleus includes such established players as John Mayberry, Fred Patek, Amos Otis, Hal McRae and starting pitchers Steve Busby and Paul Splittorff, both of whom have enjoyed 20-victory seasons within the past three years.

Mayberry has established himself as one of the game's top power hitters and run producers in his four seasons of regular duty. Since midway in the 1973 season, McRae has been a consistent .300 hitter, and Otis is recognized as one of the best all-round outfielders in the league. Patek has consistently been among the top defensive shortstops.

Busby, the top winner on the K.C. staff, has already hurled a pair of no-hitters in only three full years in the majors.

Also brightening the Royals' horizon is a group of outstanding young players. George Brett, 22-year-old third baseman, leads the kiddie corps.

Success has come quickly to the young Royals, but the future in Kansas City is even more promising.

Milwaukee Brewers

The date was August 7, the place Milwaukee County Stadium. In the eighth inning the public address announcer informed the crowd that, by drawing 24,817 that afternoon, the Brewers topped the million mark in attendance on the earliest date in club history.

In some cities this might not seem too monumental, but with the Brewers some 15 games out of first place, it was a great moment in Milwaukee's history.

How did the Brewers, playing in one of the smallest cities in the majors, become only the third club in the American League to reach the million mark?

Henry Aaron undoubtedly was responsible for a goodly percentage of the attendance, especially in the early going. But besides seeing the game's all-time home-run king, Milwaukee fans found there was much more to see at County Stadium.

The Brewers' tremendous early showing, which saw them tied for first place as late as July 6, certainly added excitement. And individual performances cannot be overlooked. George Scott had his best season ever. Robin Yount led the league in hitting in the early going, and early-season heroics by other Brewers gave the fans the feeling that 1975 could be Milwaukee's year.

It was not to be, however, as injuries struck. First it was Yount, who missed two weeks with an ankle sprain. Then Don Money was out a month following a hernia operation. All of a sudden the pitching staff became one massive injury list—Ed Sprague, lost for the season with a bad knee; Tom Murphy, sidelined a month with a sore arm; Bill Champion, lost for the season with bone chips, and on and on.

Gradually the Brewers dropped well out of the pennant picture. Still, the fans kept coming out. As a result, Brewer attendance went over the 1,200,000 figure for an all-time club record.



Bert Blyleven, Twins' mound ace, rears back preliminary to firing his fastball.

Minnesota Twins

Disappointment and frustration. That pretty well describes the Minnesota Twins' feelings about the past season.

Rod Carew supplied a bright spot amidst all the gloom. He won his fourth straight league batting championship and the fifth of his career.

Twin hopes ran high when the campaign began—and with good reason. In 1974 the club seemed to jell starting June 23. From that point on the Twins played at a .577 clip (56-41) for the best won-lost figure in the A.L. West. The surge was attributed to the fact that Minnesota had a young team and the players were just finding themselves.

On top of that showing, the "young Twins" won 17 games in spring exhibition play this year for the most victories ever by the club in pre-season competition.

When the season opened in Texas and the Twins won their first two games, optimism reigned. It wasn't to last, however, as the still-inexperienced team began to make crucial mistakes that invariably cost games.

Injuries also swept onto the scene. First, Joe Decker, pitching ace of 1974, was laid up by a virus that sidelined him nearly two months. When he finally returned to duty, his control was off and he was of virtually no help.

Larry Hisle, the team's top power hitter, developed elbow trouble in mid-June that not only hampered his throwing but also prevented his swinging the bat. He finally underwent surgery on July 24.

Other casualties included Steve Brye, who suffered a fracture of the left hand when hit by a Nolan Ryan pitch; rookie Lyman Bostock, victim of a broken ankle bone; Eric Soderholm, victim of two wrist fractures; and pitchers Bert Blyleven, who missed three weeks in June with a shoulder problem, and Ray Corbin, who pitched in pain throughout the season before being operated on in August to have a bone spur removed from his elbow.



Thurman Munson being greeted by Chris Chambliss (10) and Ed Herrmann (45).

New York Yankees

For the New York Yankees, 1975 was a year of exciting new faces, but somewhat of a letdown following high expectations.

The changes actually began shortly after the 1974 season when Bobby Murcer was traded to San Francisco for Bobby Bonds. As if Bonds wasn't a big enough star to come to New York, the Yanks then landed Catfish Hunter in a dramatic New Year's Eve announcement. And early in August, fiery Billy Martin returned to Yankee pinstripes to replace Bill Virdon as manager.

Armed with Bonds and Hunter, and following a near-miss in 1974, the Yankees were co-favorites to win this year. But such was not to be the case when unplanned events developed.

Injuries were significant. Centerfielder Elliott Maddox, a .300 hitter, hurt a knee and missed two-thirds of the season. Ron Blomberg, a dangerous RBI man, had a muscular problem in his shoulder and sat out much of the year. Mel Stottlemyre was unable to return from a shoulder injury suffered the year before. Lou Piniella, Roy White and Bonds were hampered by injuries, and at one point eight Yankee outfielders were sidelined.

The starting pitching was healthy, though unsteady. Hunter did all that could be asked of him, but George Medich and Pat Dobson, 19-game winners in 1974, were unable to repeat that form. Rudy May had his best season, but Sparky Lyle was unable to find the magic that had made him a premier relief man for many years.

Through it all, sound, productive seasons were enjoyed by Thurman Munson, the league's All-Star catcher; Graig Nettles, the durable third baseman, and Chris Chambliss, who regained his Cleveland form.

The disappointing season marked the Yankees' final year at Shea Stadium prior to a grand return to new Yankee Stadium in 1976.



Carlos May of White Sox in futile slide after being forced by Rangers' Toby Harrah.

Texas Rangers

A time of adjustment, frustration and transition seemed to characterize the experience of the Texas Rangers the past season.

Billy Martin had molded the stepchildren of the American League into second-place finishers in the West in 1974, and the maverick manager had his sights set on a pennant in '75. He had all of his bright young hopefuls back, together with 25-game winner Fergie Jenkins, and a winter trade for Willie Davis seemed to solve the centerfield problem.

The Rangers played .500 ball through the month of April, but second baseman Dave Nelson's ankle operation, which sidelined him 108 days, proved a foretaste of things to come.

By May 22 the Rangers were in first place with a 21-17 record. However, their drive to establish a firm hold on the A.L. West began to crumble when a trip to New York and Boston started a six-game losing streak. Jeff Burroughs, MVP a year earlier, slipped into a slump that took him from a .278 average on May 22 to only .228 at the All-Star break.

Meantime, the Rangers began to make some wholesale changes, starting with a trade for veteran Gaylord Perry. Davis, who became something of a problem, was shipped to the St. Louis Cardinals.

The most dramatic change came on July 21 when Board Chairman Brad Corbett fired Martin and entrusted managerial duties to Frank Lucchesi, who had been Billy's third base coach. At the time, the Rangers were in fourth place with a 44-51 record.

Following the shift in managers, the Rangers played at around a .500 clip for Lucchesi and the performance of several individuals showed marked improvement. Perry, who failed to win his first five starts for Texas, rebounded to become one of the league's toughest pitchers again. Jenkins recovered his winning form, and things in general seemed to perk up.





1975 AMERICAN LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM — Front row (left to right): Paul Lindblad, Joe Rudi, Hal McBride, Ken McRae, batting practice pitcher; Toby Harrah, George Scott. **Second row:** Graig Nettles, Gene Tenace, Jorge Orta, Bert Campaneris, Del Crandall, coach; Alvin Dark, manager; Billy Martin, coach; Bucky Dent, Thurman Munson, Dave Chalk, Claudell Washington. **Third row:** Bob Sullivan, equipment manager; Jim Walton, batting practice pitcher; Reggie Jackson, Hank Aaron, Carl Yastrzemski, Fred Lynn, Nolan Ryan, Rod Carew, Mike Hargrove, Bobby Bonds, Wes Stock, batting practice pitcher; Tom Ferguson, vice-president of Milwaukee Brewers; Curt Rayer, trainer. **Back row:** Steve Busby, Bill Freehan, Rollie Fingers, Jim Kaat, Jim Palmer, Jim Hunter, George Hendrick, Rich Gossage. (Vida Blue was absent when picture was taken.)

Rookies Lead Red Sox to AL Eastern Title

The Boston Red Sox' pennant express started slowly in April, picked up speed in May, started really rolling in June, roared through July into August and then settled down to a steady winning pace to hold off the continuous challenge of the pre-season co-favored Baltimore Orioles and win the title in the American League's East Division.

Although there were individual heroes all along the way, the story of the year had to be the arrival of two of the finest rookies for any club in baseball history in the same year—23-year-old Fred Lynn, out of Southern California, and 22-year-old Jim Rice, out of Anderson, S.C.—and the mid-season purchase of two surprise packages, infielder Denny Doyle and relief pitcher Jim Willoughby.

In April, New England fans, still remembering the club's 1974 late-August and September collapse, cautiously watched the comeback efforts of Tony Conigliaro after a three-year absence from the major leagues. They marveled at the early hitting of Lynn and were delighted with Bernie Carbo's fine start. They waited, however, for the return of Carlton Fisk, whose comeback from a 1974 knee injury had been sidetracked by a fracture of the arm suffered in spring training. They also watched as Rice served as a designated hitter while he worked hard at improving his fielding. Overall, Red Sox fans were skeptical in April.

It was early in May when the Sox dropped to two games below .500 and there was cause for concern, but suddenly the pitching straightened out, with winning efforts from southpaw Bill Lee and righthanders Rick Wise and Luis Tiant. After an injury-loaded season in 1974, the emergence of Wise as a regular starter was possibly the best news of the month and the club slowly progressed to the top.

As mid-June approached, it became obvious that Conigliaro's game effort at a comeback was not realistic, and on June 13, when Tony C went down to Class AAA, the club obtained second baseman Denny Doyle from the California Angels. Certainly, this was no cause for dancing in the streets, but as things developed, it was a master stroke.

Then, on the night of June 18 in Tiger Stadium, Detroit, lightning struck in the form of Lynn's personal destruction of the Tigers with five hits, including three home runs and a triple, ten RBIs and a record 16 total bases. Those shots were heard throughout the major leagues and it might have signalled the arrival of this pennant express into high gear.

On June 25, after dropping a game and a half back of the Yankees, the stage was set for a dramatic four-game series between two ancient rivals in Fenway Park before record-setting crowds. The Red Sox took three out of four and moved into first place in the American League East to stay for the remainder of the season.

Fisk had returned to action for that

In another move, lightly regarded at the time, the Red Sox acquired right-hander Jim Willoughby from Tulsa of the St. Louis Cardinals' system. Willoughby, who had seen major league action with the San Francisco Giants without great success, experienced a rough first outing for the Red Sox against the Cleveland Indians, but then became a prime contributor



Denny Doyle races to first base after singling. Acquired from Angels in mid-June, Doyle became vital cog in Red Sox lineup. His 22-game hitting streak was longest of year in American League.

series, playing more innings in each game, and by June 30 things had brightened. However, on that night, righthander Dick Pole, newly installed into the starting rotation, had his cheek bone shattered by a line drive off the bat of Tony Muser in the ninth inning of an important win over Baltimore, and the outlook had darkened somewhat.

to the best July record for any Sox team back to 1948. They roared through the month at a 22-11 clip, with Willoughby winning and saving games and Doyle putting together a 22-game batting streak, tops in the American League for the year.

Carl Yastrzemski's bat came alive, "Pudge" Fisk showed no ill effects from his injured knee of 1974 or his

broken arm of the spring of 1975, and Rick Burleson, Boston's "Iron Man," continued making the big plays at shortstop and coming through with clutch hits.

July climaxed with another exciting series with the Yankees, this time in Shea Stadium. The Red Sox lost the Friday night opener, but came back to win the next three from New York, including a double shutout on Sunday, 1-0 and 6-0, in a pair of games ranked among the best that most observers had ever seen. When the month ended, the Yankees were out of it and the Red Sox had a nine-game lead over the suddenly-alive Orioles.

The Orioles cut that lead to seven and a half games with a two-game sweep at Fenway Park early in August. With the Red Sox facing their toughest trip of the season, a 15-game tour through the West, with a stopover game in Cooperstown, fiery Earl Weaver pointed to last year's Red Sox collapse and talked about history repeating.

But Earl hadn't checked this Red Sox club and its road record, the best in more than 30 years. Darrell Johnson's crew survived the tough western trip with a 9-6 record and returned to Fenway Park with the schedule in the final weeks of the season in their favor.

By this time, it had become obvious that the Red Sox had two bona fide candidates for American League Rookie of the Year and also Most Valuable Player in Fred Lynn and Jim Rice. Rice, now installed as the regular left fielder, after leading all of the league's designated hitters most of the season, started to match Fred in home runs and RBI production. Not since 1938, when Cleveland had Geoff Heath and Ken Keltner, had a club boasted of two rookies with more than 100 RBIs each in a season. The newly-named Red Sox Gold Dust Twins had almost identical home run records and although Lynn's average stayed consistently higher, Rice had more game-winning hits.

Once Rice went into left field to stay, Cecil Cooper came off the bench to hit at a .375 pace as the club's designated hitter. Dwight Evans shook off an early-season slump, and with this powerful batting attack, the Red Sox emerged with three big winners in Wise, Lee and Tiant, backed by the brilliant relief work of Willoughby. Southpaw Roger Moret, once installed into the starting rotation, won big games and Dick Pole came back from his injury.

Through it all, Burleson, known affectionately as "The Rooster," was teaming daily with either Doyle or Doug Griffin around second base, and combined with Fisk behind the plate and Lynn in centerfield, the Red Sox had the best up-the-middle defense they had had in years.

When Rico Petrocelli, who had played well in the field all season, was sidelined with recurring headaches and dizziness late in August, the Red Sox surprised by reactivating veteran Dick McAuliffe. The former Tiger, who presumably had closed out his active career with the Red Sox in 1974, had been doing an outstanding job of managing the Bristol Red Sox into first place in the Eastern League, but hadn't played.

McAuliffe and Bob Heise alternated in Rico's absence. Petrocelli's problems traced to his being struck on the head by a pitch thrown by Jim Slaton of Milwaukee, and rest and medication had him ready for the September stretch run.

In the meantime, new problems arose with "stopper" Luis Tiant coming up with a bad back, which made him miss two late-August starts, and the doom forecasters had a field day. Tiant, as he had done so many times in the past four seasons, bounced back with a near no-hitter against Detroit early in September. He followed with the key victory of the season, beating Baltimore ace Jim Palmer, 2-0 in a "must" game on September 16. That gave the Red Sox a 5½-game cushion with 11 games to play, and even though the Orioles won the next night, the Sox had enough of an edge to hold off the relentless Oriole pursuit.

Petrocelli's return was highlighted by big hits in come-from-behind wins over Milwaukee before the Tiant-Palmer classic matchup. That series was also important because both Lynn and Rice passed the 100-RBI mark. Unfortunately, Rice became the victim of misfortune on September 21 when he was struck on the left hand by a

pitch by Detroit's Vern Ruhle and suffered a fracture that finished him for the season.

The race between the Red Sox and the Orioles took on a comic turn in September when a Baltimore disc jockey journeyed to Africa to employ the services of a witch doctor to cast a spell on the Red Sox. Loyal Red Sox rooters responded with every manner of jinx dispeller.

Convinced by mid-August that this 1975 club would not collapse as the 1974 team had, Boston fans continued to storm Fenway Park, and attendance approached 1,800,000 in the smallest park in the nation as the Red Sox again led the American League at the gate for the sixth time in the last nine years.

As the song says, "It's Been a Very Good Year" because of the team's overall balance of pitching and hitting and defense, plus bench strength. Players who could have been starters for many other major league clubs were continually coming off the bench when needed to make their contribution—infidlers Bob Heise and Doug Griffin, who went 7-for-9 as a pinch-hitter during Doyle's 22-game hitting streak; outfielders Rick Miller, Juan Beniquez and Bernie Carbo, catchers Tim Blackwell and Bob Montgomery, and the bullpen, led by mid-season addition Jim Willoughby, who quickly became its leader.

Darrell Johnson had undoubtedly profited from the mistakes of 1974 and he had valuable aid from holdover coaches Don Zimmer, Don Bryant and Eddie Popowski, and newcomers Johnny Pesky and Stan Williams, the club's pitching coach.

Yes, Red Sox fans would agree that "It's Been a Very Good Year."

Red Sox' "Gold Dust Twins" — Fred Lynn (left) and Jim Rice — kneel in on-deck circle while awaiting turn to hit. Both enjoyed spectacular rookie season. Unfortunately, Rice suffered fracture of left hand on September 21, forcing him to sidelines for remainder of campaign.





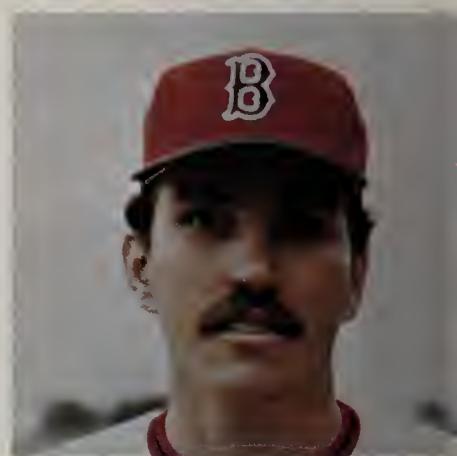
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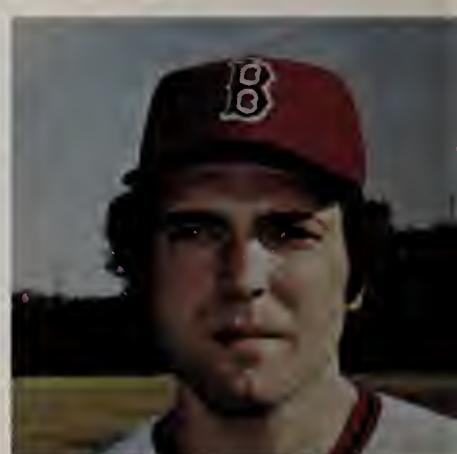
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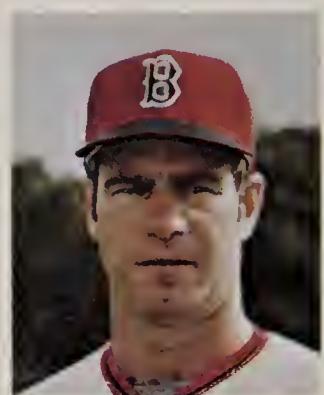
Rick Burleson-if.
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Boston Red Sox American League Champions 1967 AL East Champions 1975



Darrell Johnson
Manager



Don Bryant
Coach



John Pesky
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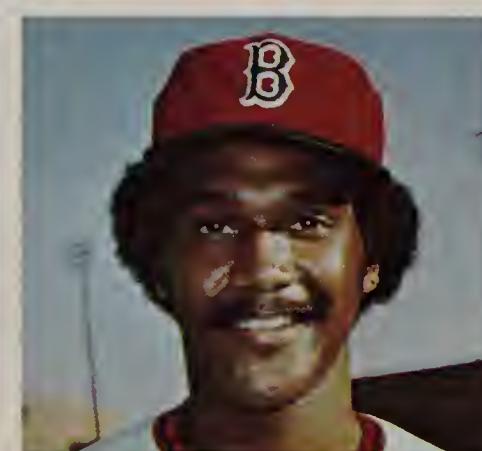
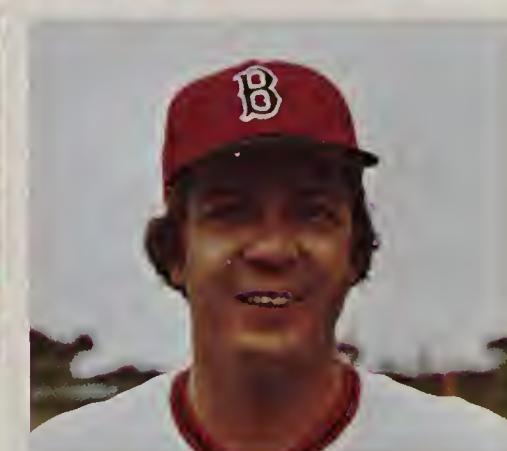
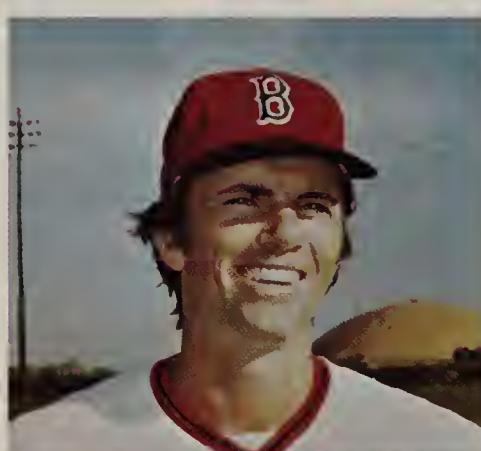
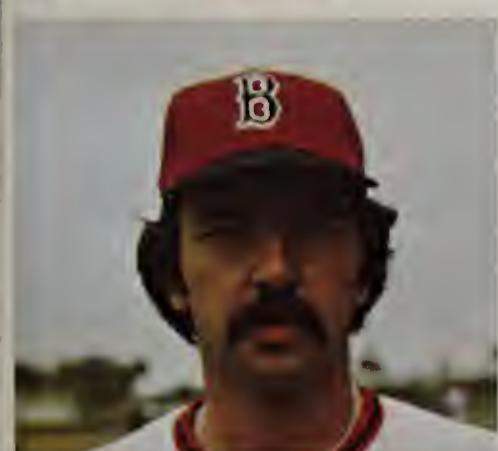
Eddie Popowski
Coach



Stan Williams
Coach



Don Zimmer
Coach



Reggie Cleveland-p.
Cecil Cooper-if.
Denny Doyle-if.
Dick Drago-p.
Dwight Evans-of.

Carlton Fisk-c.
Doug Griffin-if.
Bob Heise-if.
Bill Lee-p.
Fred Lynn-of.

Rick Miller-of.
Bob Montgomery-c.
Roger Moret-p.
Rico Petrocelli-if.
Jim Rice-of.

Diego Segui-p.
Luis Tiant-p.
Jim Willoughby-p.
Rick Wise-p.
Carl Yastrzemski-if.

A's Make it Five in '75

Few World Championship teams have had to undertake a rebuilding job as extensive as the Oakland A's did last winter. The success of their efforts can best be measured by the results—a FIFTH successive Western Division title in the American League.

The need to rebuild began with the loss of their top pitcher, Jim "Catfish" Hunter, in an arbitration case that was unprecedented in the annals of baseball. Jim had been the mainstay of the pitching staff, winning 20 or more games each year as the A's swept to four division crowns in a row and the World Championship the last three seasons.

His departure meant the mound staff had to be reconstructed and that Oakland's style of play had to be changed to produce more runs since, without Hunter in there every fourth day, the opposition figured to score more often. It also meant the offense had to be bolstered. That is where Owner-General Manager Charlie Finley went to work.

First, he traded for one of the game's great hitters, Billy Williams. The A's had gone through the 1974 season without much help from the designated-hitter position. To get Williams from the Chicago Cubs to fill the DH role, the A's had to give up infielder Manny Trillo and a couple of relief pitchers, Bob Locker and Darold Knowles. This meant two more vacancies on what some have called the best pitching staff ever put together.

One candidate to fill a spot was discovered in spring training when a 20-year-old rookie from San Francisco named Mike Norris started getting major league hitters out with regularity. He kept it up and earned a spot in Man-

ager Alvin Dark's starting rotation.

Norris made his major league debut in the third game of the season. It was an auspicious one, resulting in a three-hit shutout of the Chicago White Sox. In his next start, he allowed Kansas City only one hit and nary an earned run in seven innings, but failed to get the victory when his bullpen let a 3-1 lead slip away.

Then disaster struck. In the opening inning of his third start, Norris came up with an arm problem. The diagnosis was calcium deposits in the elbow, and on April 29 he underwent surgery, forcing him to the sidelines for the remainder of the campaign.

Shortly after the season began, the A's brought up relief pitcher Jim Todd from their Tucson club. They had acquired him in a trade with the Chicago Cubs on the final day of spring training. He proved an immediate sensation in the Oakland bullpen and was a valuable fireman the entire season.

The real rebuilding job on the pitching staff, however, didn't get underway until mid-May. Frequent open dates dotted the early weeks of the race, but now a regular four-man or five-man starting rotation was needed.

The first acquisition was Sonny Siebert, veteran righthander obtained in a trade from San Diego for Ted Kubiak. Siebert went out and did a great job for the A's, allowing only three earned runs in his first four starts while winning two and losing none. In the two other games, he departed with leads that eventually slipped away. Unfortunately, Siebert suffered a groin injury in a game at Detroit on June 14, and eventually had to go on the disabled list for more than three weeks.

A few days after acquiring Siebert, Finley pulled off another big trade. He sent John Odom to Cleveland in exchange for Jim Perry and Dick Bosman. That trade really started the A's rolling. Bosman won seven of his first eight decisions and Perry three of his first four in Oakland tugs.

A short time later, pitcher Stan Bahnsen was acquired in a trade from the Chicago White Sox for Dave Hamilton. Stan immediately moved into the starting rotation, giving the A's still another top pitcher.

Meanwhile, southpaws Vida Blue and Ken Holtzman carried the brunt of the load among the starters and were doing a fine job. At the same time, the bullpen crew was incredible, led by Rollie Fingers, Paul Lindblad and Todd.

There is no way to replace a Jim Hunter, of course, but the A's did a fine job of filling the gap with the various pitchers acquired in trades.

While rebuilding the pitching staff, Finley also shored up the offense. His efforts in this area centered around young Claudell Washington, who had been a late-season sensation in left field in 1974.

The plan was to install Washington permanently in left field, move Gold Glove winner Joe Rudi to first base and Gene Tenace behind the plate. It didn't take long to convince the critics that the decision was the right one to make.

Washington got away to a fast start and hit over .300 all season. In addition, he led the club in stolen bases and did an outstanding job in left field. Rudi delivered his usual solid performance with the bat, and Tenace hit close to .300 for the first half of the



Billy North raises cloud of dust while sliding safely into second base in game against Yankees. Fleet centerfielder had another productive season as switch-hitting leadoff man for Oakland club.

season, driving in game-winning runs.

The addition of Williams as DH bolstered the club's offense in several ways. Besides adding another potent bat, it meant that other members of the A's lineup would be getting more good pitches to hit because of his presence. Billy socked his share of home-runs and was a solid RBI producer.

One of the biggest pluses of the year was the way rookie Phil Garner filled the gap at second base. Normally a third baseman, Garner inherited Dick Green's old job when "Greenie" went through with retirement plans. Phil played the position in sparkling fashion and along with the spark plug of the team, shortstop Campy Campaneris, contributed to the offense in numerous ways.

Overall, it was a big rebuilding year for the World Champion team. Ted Martinez, an all-around infielder-outfielder, was acquired in a trade with the St. Louis Cardinals. The addition of new talent continued right up to the closing weeks of the season. Tommy Harper, speedy veteran infielder-outfielder, was purchased from California in mid-August to add bench strength, handyman Cesar Tovar was obtained in a trade with Texas, and Dal Maxvill was activated from coach to utility infielder to provide further maneuverability.

The A's came out of the chute with a splash, winning five of their first six games. However, they then lost three in a row and, with the season nine games old, found themselves two lengths out of first place. This turned out to be the team's largest deficit all year.

A big factor in Oakland's fifth consecutive Western Division title was the ability to avoid long losing streaks. Dark's crew, under the field leadership of Capt. Sal Bando and the run-producing Reggie Jackson, never dropped more than four games in a row.

Pinch-running specialists, something unique in the majors and used only by the A's, proved to be an important factor in numerous Oakland victories. Herb Washington, the club's 1974 spring sensation, was released early in May because of his inability to do anything but serve as a pinch-runner. He was replaced by a pair of speed-merchants who were more baseball-oriented—Matt Alexander, obtained from the Chicago Cubs, and Don Hopkins, purchased from the Montreal Expos.

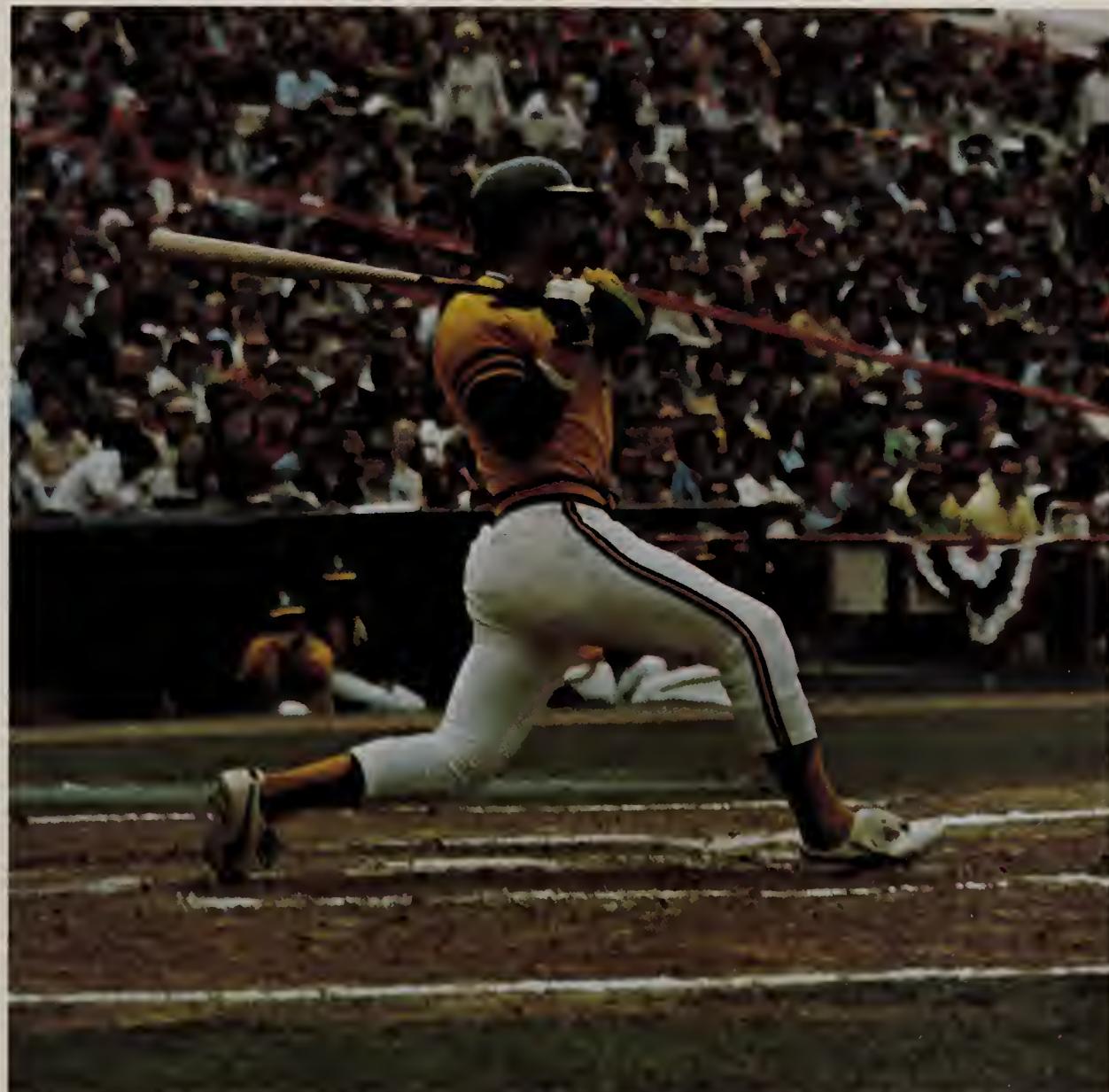
Alexander and Hopkins provided the A's with more speed than they had last year, and both were able to play somewhere in the field and to bat if needed, lending to the team's versatility. The duo scored the tying or win-

ning run in a number of games during the first two months and helped produce victories throughout the season. Alexander was successful in his first ten attempts to steal and was 11 for 12 before being sidelined for a month with a fracture of the cheekbone suffered during infield workouts. Hopkins stole on eight of his first ten tries.

Speed was an important ingredient in the Oakland offense. Besides the two pinch-running specialists, the A's had several other speedsters. Washington led the team in thefts, while Bill North, Campaneris and Jackson also were in double figures in steals. As a group, the A's were one of the most formidable base-running teams in baseball.

June was an especially productive period for the defending World Champions. They began the month with a mere one-game lead. By winning 20 of 29 games, they finished the month with a seven-game advantage. By the end of July they had extended their lead to ten lengths and it became merely a matter of time before they would sew up another title.

The 1975 Oakland A's were without question one of the most balanced and versatile teams in the history of baseball.



Reggie Jackson displays powerful swing that again made him big man with bat for Oakland. Despite sub-par batting average, veteran outfielder led A's in both home runs and runs batted in.



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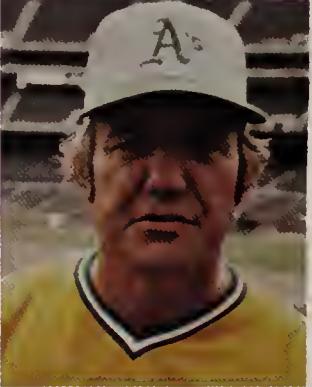


Charles O. Finley, Owner

Alvin Dark
Manager



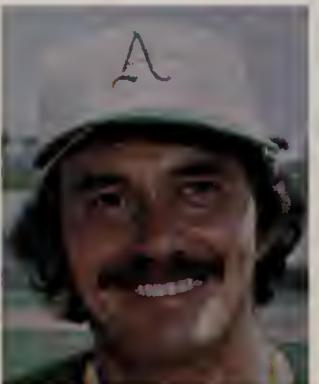
Bobby Hofman
Coach



Wes Stock
Coach



Bobby Winkles
Coach



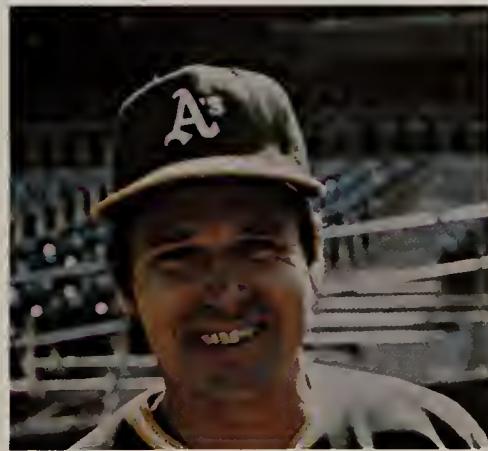
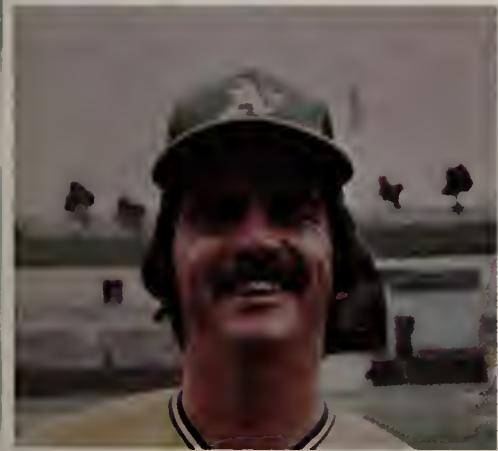
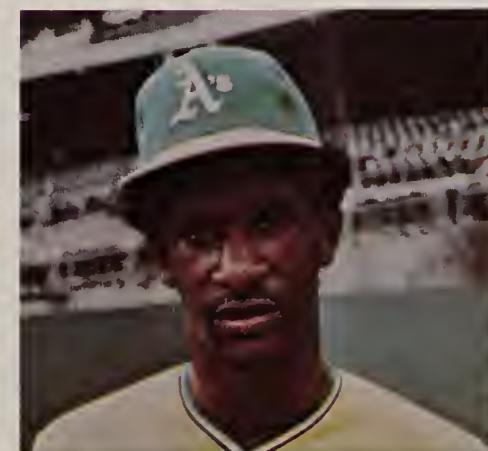
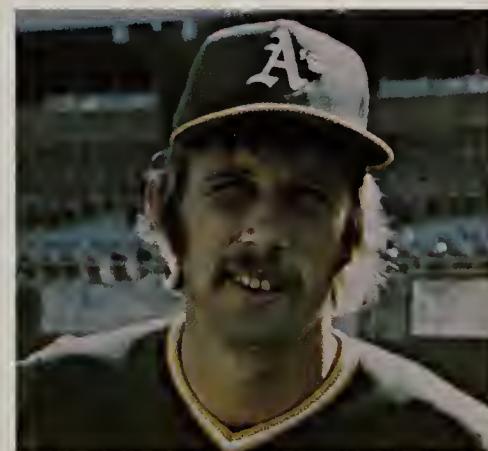
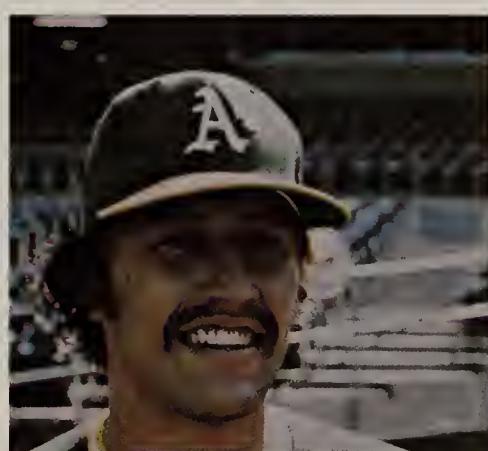
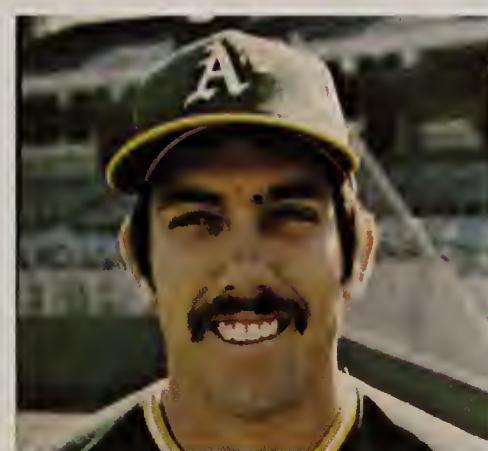
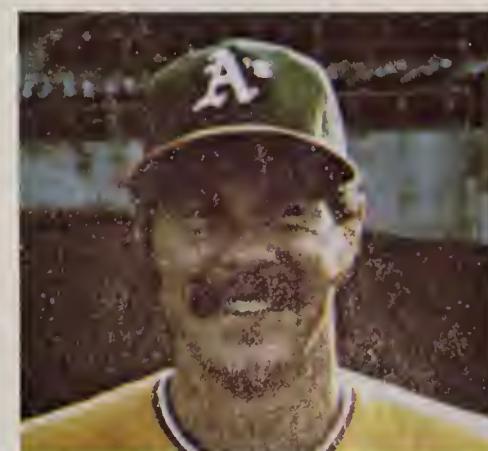
Dal Maxvill
Coach



Glenn Abbott-p.
Matt Alexander-of.



Stan Bahnsen-p.
Sal Bando-if.
Vida Blue-p.



Dick Bosman-p.
Bert Campaneris-if.
Rollie Fingers-p.
Phil Garner-if.
Larry Haney-c.

Tommy Harper-if.
Jim Holt-if.
Ken Holtzman-p.
Reggie Jackson-of.
Paul Lindblad-p.

Ted Martinez-if.
Ray Fosse, c.
Billy North-of.
Joe Rudi-if.
Sonny Siebert-p.

Gene Tenace-c.
Jim Todd-p.
Cesar Tovar-of.
Claudell Washington-of.
Billy Williams-if.

1975 OAKLAND A'S ROSTER

Manager—Alvin Dark (5)
Coaches—Wes Stock (42), Bobby Hofman (44), Bobby Winkles (43), Dal Maxvill (45)

No.		B	T	Hgt.	Wgt.	Born	Birthplace	Residence
PITCHERS								
37	Abbott, Glenn.....	R	R	6:06	200	2/16/51	Little Rock, Ark.	Little Rock, Ark.
39	Bahnsen, Stan.....	R	R	6:03	203	12/15/44	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Pompano, Fla.
14	Blue, Vida.....	S	L	6:00	192	7/28/49	Mansfield, La.	Alameda, Calif.
17	Bosman, Dick.....	R	R	6:03	205	2/17/44	Kenosha, Wisc.	Woodbridge, Va.
34	Fingers, Rollie.....	R	R	6:04	195	8/25/46	Steubenville, O.	Danville, Calif.
30	Holtzman, Ken.....	R	L	6:02½	190	11/ 3/45	St. Louis, Mo.	Creve Coeur, Mo.
25	Lindblad, Paul.....	L	L	6:01	195	8/ 9/41	Chanute, Kansas	Arlington, Texas
35	Siebert, Sonny.....	R	R	6:03	210	1/14/37	St. Mary's, Mo.	St. Louis, Mo.
22	Todd, Jim.....	L	R	6:02	190	9/21/47	Lancaster, Pa.	Lancaster, Pa.
CATCHERS								
10	Fosse, Ray.....	R	R	6:02	210	4/ 4/47	Marion, Ill.	Danville, Calif.
12	Haney, Larry.....	R	R	6:01	195	11/19/42	Charlottesville, Va.	Barboursville, Va.
18	Tenace, Gene.....	R	R	6:00	190	10/10/46	Russellton, Pa.	San Ramon, Calif.
INFIELDERS								
6	Bando, Sal.....	R	R	6:00	195	2/13/44	Cleveland, O.	Danville, Calif.
19	Campaneris, Bert.....	R	R	5:10	155	3/ 9/42	Pueblo Neuvo, Cuba	Walker, Mo.
29	Garner, Phil.....	R	R	5:10	185	4/30/49	Jefferson City, Tenn.	Houston, Tex.
21	Harper, Tommy.....	R	R	5:09	160	10/14/40	Oak Grove, La.	Stoughton, Mass.
38	Holt, Jim.....	L	R	6:00	186	5/27/44	Graham, N. C.	Graham, N. C.
32	Martinez, Ted.....	R	R	6:00	165	12/10/47	Central Barahona, D.R.	Santo Domingo, D.R.
26	Rudi, Joe.....	R	R	6:02	200	9/ 7/46	Modesto, Calif.	Danville, Calif.
28	Williams, Billy.....	L	R	6:01	175	6/15/38	Whistler, Ala.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
OUTFIELDERS								
31	Alexander, Matt.....	S	R	5:11	170	1/30/47	Shreveport, La.	Fremont, Calif.
9	Jackson, Reggie.....	L	L	6:00	205	5/18/46	Wyncote, Pa.	Tempe, Ariz.
4	North, Billy.....	S	R	5:11	185	5/15/48	Seattle, Wash.	Alameda, Calif.
3	Tovar, Cesar.....	R	R	5:09	150	7/ 3/40	Caracas, Venezuela	Caracas, Venezuela
15	Washington, Claudell.....	L	L	6:00	190	8/31/54	Los Angeles, Calif.	Berkeley, Calif.

Trainer—Joe Romo Equipment Manager—Frank Ciensczyk

Traveling Secretary—Jim Bank

Team Physicians—Dr. Harry Walker, Dr. Charles Hudson

1975 STATISTICS - OAKLAND A'S

BATTING	Pct.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH-SF	BB	SO	HB	SB-CS
Alexander...	.100	63	10	16	1	1	0	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	17-10	
Bando.....	.229	160	563	64	129	200	24	1	15	78	2-2	87	80	5	7-1
Campaneris .	.265	137	510	69	135	168	15	3	4	46	19-3	50	71	7	24-12
Fosse .....	.141	82	135	14	19	26	3	2	0	12	1-1	8	19	1	0-1
Garner.....	.246	160	487	46	120	169	21	5	6	54	21-3	30	65	5	4-6
Haney .....	.192	47	26	3	5	8	0	0	1	2	0-0	1	4	0	0-0
Harper.....	.254	123	354	51	90	121	14	1	5	38	4-3	43	60	3	26-8
Holt.....	.220	102	123	7	27	36	3	0	2	16	0-1	11	11	2	0-0
Jackson....	.253	157	593	91	150	303	39	3	36	104	0-6	67	133	3	17-8
Martinez....	.172	86	87	7	15	15	0	0	0	3	7-0	2	9	1	1-1
North.....	.273	140	524	74	143	173	17	5	1	43	13-2	81	80	4	30-13
Rudi.....	.278	126	468	66	130	231	26	6	21	75	3-1	40	56	3	2-1
Tenace .....	.255	158	498	83	127	231	17	0	29	87	3-4	106	127	12	7-4
Tovar.....	.267	121	453	58	116	142	17	0	3	31	5-1	30	28	3	20-11
Washington.	.309	147	586	84	181	249	24	7	10	77	1-7	32	80	5	40-14
Williams....	.244	155	520	68	127	218	20	1	23	81	1-3	76	68	2	0-0
Team Totals	.254		5415	758	1376	2115	220	33	151	698	74-35	609	846	50	183-82

PITCHING	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	SHO	IP	H	HR	R	ER	BB	SO	HB
Abbott.....	5	5	4.25	30	15	3	0	1	114.1	109	12	61	54	50	51	2
Bahnsen.....	10	13	4.36	33	28	4	0	0	167.1	166	11	91	81	77	80	6
Blue.....	22	11	3.01	39	38	13	1	2	278.0	243	21	103	93	99	189	5
Bosman.....	11	6	3.63	28	24	2	0	0	151.1	145	15	67	61	32	53	6
Fingers.....	10	6	3.03	75	0	0	24	0	124.2	94	13	43	42	33	115	6
Holtzman.....	18	14	3.14	39	38	13	0	2	266.1	217	16	111	93	108	122	7
Lindblad.....	9	1	2.72	68	0	0	7	0	122.1	105	6	44	37	43	58	0
Siebert.....	4	4	3.69	17	13	0	0	0	61.0	60	4	28	25	31	44	0
Todd.....	8	3	2.29	58	0	0	12	0	122.0	104	4	40	31	33	50	3
Team Totals	98	64	3.27	407	162	36	44	10	1448.0	1266	102	606	526	523	784	37

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1975 BOSTON RED SOX ROSTER

Manager—Darrell Johnson (22)

Coaches—Don Bryant (31), John Pesky (35), Eddie Popowski (54), Stan Williams (32), Don Zimmer (34)

No.		B	T	Hgt.	Wgt.	Born	Birthplace	Residence
PITCHERS								
43	Burton, Jim.....	R	L	6:03	195	10/27/49	Royal Oak, Mich.	Rochester, Mich.
26	Cleveland, Reggie.....	R	R	6:01	195	5/23/48	Swift Current, Sask.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
41	Drago, Dick.....	R	R	6:01	190	6/25/45	Toledo, O.	Overland Park, Kan.
37	Lee, Bill.....	L	L	6:03	210	12/28/46	Burbank, Calif.	Stoughton, Mass.
29	Moret, Rogelio.....	S	L	6:04	175	9/16/49	Guayama, P.R.	Guayama, P.R.
45	Pole, Dick.....	R	R	6:03	210	10/13/50	Trout Creek, Mich.	Trout Creek, Mich.
28	Segui, Diego.....	R	R	6:00	180	8/17/38	Holquin, Cuba	Kansas City, Kan.
23	Tiant, Luis.....	R	R	5:11	190	11/23/40	Havana, Cuba	Milton, Mass.
38	Willoughby, Jim.....	R	R	6:02	185	1/31/49	Salinas, Calif.	Gustine, Calif.
40	Wise, Rick.....	R	R	6:02	195	9/13/45	Jackson, Mich.	Chesterfield, Mo.
CATCHERS								
39	Blackwell, Tim.....	S	R	5:11	180	8/19/52	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego, Calif.
27	Fisk, Carlton.....	R	R	6:02	210	12/26/47	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Raymond, N. H.
10	Montgomery, Bob.....	R	R	6:01	203	4/16/44	Nashville, Tenn.	Dedham, Mass.
INFIELDERS								
7	Burleson, Rick.....	R	R	5:10	165	4/29/51	Lynwood, Calif.	Acton, Mass.
17	Cooper, Cecil.....	L	L	6:02	185	12/20/49	Brenham, Tex.	Brenham, Tex.
5	Doyle, Denny.....	L	R	5:10	165	1/17/44	Glasgow, Ky.	Laurel Springs, N. J.
2	Griffin, Doug.....	R	R	6:00	160	6/ 4/47	South Gate, Calif.	Peabody, Mass.
12	Heise, Bob.....	R	R	5:11	170	5/12/47	San Antonio, Tex.	Vacaville, Calif.
6	Petrocelli, Rico.....	R	R	6:00	190	6/27/43	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Lynnfield, Mass
8	Yastrzemski, Carl.....	L	R	5:11	190	8/22/39	Southampton, N. Y.	Boston, Mass.
OUTFIELDERS								
20	Beniquez, Juan.....	R	R	5:11	165	5/13/50	San Sebastian, P.R.	San Sebastian, P.R.
1	Carbo, Bernie.....	L	R	6:00	175	8/ 5/47	Detroit, Mich.	Allen Park, Mich.
24	Evans, Dwight.....	R	R	6:03	205	11/ 3/51	Santa Monica, Calif.	Reading, Mass.
19	Lynn, Fred.....	L	L	6:01	185	2/ 3/52	Chicago, Ill.	El Monte, Calif.
16	Miller, Rick.....	L	L	6:00	180	4/19/48	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Boston, Mass.
14	Rice, Jim.....	R	R	6:02	200	3/ 8/53	Anderson, S. C.	Anderson, S. C.

Trainer—Charles Moss Equipment Manager—Pete Cerrone

Traveling Secretary—Jack Rogers

Team Physician—Dr. Thomas Tierney

1975 STATISTICS - BOSTON RED SOX

BATTING	Pct.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH-SF	BB	SO	HB	SB-CS	
Beniquez....	.291	78	254	43	74	102	14	4	2	17	6-1	25	26	2	7-10	
Blackwell....	.197	59	132	15	26	33	3	2	0	6	5-0	19	13	1	0-0	
Burleson....	.252	158	580	66	146	191	25	1	6	62	17-9	45	44	3	8-5	
Carbo.....	.257	107	319	64	82	154	21	3	15	50	1-3	83	69	1	2-4	
Cooper.....	.311	106	305	49	95	166	17	6	14	44	3-3	19	33	3	1-4	
Doyle.....	.298	97	325	50	97	134	21	2	4	36	10-2	15	12	1	5-7	
Evans.....	.274	128	412	61	113	188	24	6	13	56	5-2	47	60	4	3-4	
Fisk.....	.331	79	263	47	87	139	14	4	10	52	0-2	27	32	2	4-3	
Griffin.....	.240	100	287	21	69	78	6	0	1	29	7-2	18	29	2	2-2	
Heise.....	.214	63	126	12	27	30	3	0	0	21	4-2	4	6	2	0-0	
Lynn.....	.331	145	528	103	175	299	47	7	21	105	6-6	62	90	3	10-5	
Miller.....	.194	77	108	21	21	25	2	1	0	15	2-0	21	20	0	3-2	
Montgomery.	.226	62	195	16	44	62	10	1	2	26	3-3	4	37	1	1-1	
Petrocelli ..	.239	115	402	31	96	134	15	1	7	59	3-5	41	66	3	0-2	
Rice.....	.309	144	564	92	174	277	29	4	22	102	1-8	36	122	4	10-5	
Yastrzemski .	.269	149	543	91	146	220	30	1	14	60	0-2	87	67	2	8-4	
Team Totals	.275		5448	798	1500	2274	284	44	134	756	75-53	565	741	34	66-58	
PITCHING	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	SHO	IP	H	HR	R	ER	BB	SO	HB
Burton.....	1	2	2.89	29	4	0	1	0	53.0	58	6	30	17	19	39	0
Cleveland....	13	9	4.43	31	20	3	0	1	170.2	173	19	90	84	52	98	3
Drago.....	2	2	3.84	40	2	0	15	0	72.2	69	5	31	31	31	43	0
Lee.....	17	9	3.95	41	34	17	0	0	260.0	274	20	123	114	69	78	3
Moret.....	14	3	3.60	36	16	4	1	1	145.0	132	8	60	58	76	80	2
Pole.....	4	6	4.42	18	11	2	0	1	89.2	102	11	46	44	32	42	2
Segui.....	2	5	4.82	33	1	1	6	0	71.0	71	10	41	38	43	45	0
Tiant.....	18	14	4.02	35	35	18	0	2	260.0	262	25	126	116	72	142	4
Willoughby ..	5	2	3.54	24	0	0	8	0	48.1	46	6	25	19	16	29	2
Wise.....	19	12	3.95	35	35	17	0	1	255.1	262	34	126	112	72	141	4
Team Totals	95	65	3.98	327	160	62	31	10	1436.2	1463	145	709	636	490	720	20

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1975 CINCINNATI REDS ROSTER

Manager—Sparky Anderson (10)
Coaches—Alex Grammas (2), Ted Kluszewski (18), George Scherger (3), Larry Shepard (4)

No.		B	T	Hgt.	Wgt.	Born	Birthplace	Residence
PITCHERS								
43	Billingham, Jack	R	R	6:04	215	2/21/43	Orlando, Fla.	Cincinnati, O.
34	Borbon, Pedro	R	R	6:02	185	12/ 2/46	Valverde, D.R.	Valverde, D.R.
36	Carroll, Clay	R	R	6:01	205	5/ 2/41	Clanton, Ala.	Bradenton, Fla.
44	Darcy, Pat	L	R	6:03	175	5/12/50	Troy, O.	Tucson, Ariz.
49	Eastwick, Rawly	R	R	6:03	180	10/24/50	Camden, N. J.	Haddonfield, N. J.
35	Gullett, Don	R	L	6:00	185	1/ 5/51	Lynn, Ky.	Lynn, Ky.
31	Kirby, Clay	R	R	6:03	195	6/25/48	Washington, D. C.	Alpine, Calif.
37	McEnaney, Will	L	L	6:00	180	2/14/52	Springfield, O.	Springfield, O.
38	Nolan, Gary	R	R	6:03	202	5/27/48	Herlong, Calif.	Cincinnati, O.
32	Norman, Fred	S	L	5:08	170	8/20/42	San Antonio, Tex.	Cincinnati, O.
CATCHERS								
5	Bench, Johnny	R	R	6:01	205	12/ 7/47	Binger, Okla.	Cincinnati, O.
9	Plummer, Bill	R	R	6:01	200	3/21/47	Oakland, Calif.	Anderson, Calif.
INFILDEERS								
12	Chaney, Darrel	L	R	6:01	180	3/ 9/48	Hammond, Ind.	Cincinnati, O.
13	Concepcion, Dave	R	R	6:02	170	6/17/48	Aragua, Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela
17	Crowley, Terry	L	L	6:00	170	2/16/47	Staten Island, N. Y.	Baltimore, Md.
22	Driessen, Dan	L	R	5:11	187	7/29/51	Hilton Head, S. C.	Hilton Head, S. C.
23	Flynn, Doug	R	R	5:11	160	4/18/51	Lexington, Ky.	Lexington, Ky.
8	Morgan, Joe	L	R	5:07	155	9/19/43	Bonham, Tex.	Oakland, Calif.
24	Perez, Tony	R	R	6:02	215	5/14/42	Camaguey, Cuba	Santurce, P.R.
14	Rose, Pete	S	R	5:11	200	4/14/41	Cincinnati, O.	Cincinnati, O.
OUTFIELDERS								
33	Armbrister, Ed	R	R	5:11	160	7/ 4/48	Nassau, Bahamas	Nassau, Bahamas
15	Foster, George	R	R	6:01	195	12/ 1/48	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Hawthorne, Calif.
20	Geronimo, Cesar	L	L	6:02	175	3/11/48	El Seibo, D.R.	El Seibo, D.R.
30	Griffey, Ken	L	L	5:11	190	4/10/50	Donora, Pa.	Cincinnati, O.
26	Rettenmund, Merv	R	R	5:10	195	6/ 6/43	Flint, Mich.	Cincinnati, O.

Trainer—Larry Starr Equipment Manager—Bernie Stowe

Traveling Secretary—Paul Campbell

Team Physician—Dr. George Ballou

1975 STATISTICS - CINCINNATI REDS

BATTING	Pct.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH-SF	BB	SO	HB	SB-CS		
Armbrister ..	.185	59	65	9	12	13	1	0	0	2	1-0	5	19	1	3-1		
Bench .....	.283	142	530	83	150	275	39	1	28	110	0-8	65	108	2	11-0	
Chaney .....	.219	71	160	18	35	47	6	0	2	26	0-1	14	38	0	3-0	
Concepcion ..	.274	140	507	62	139	179	23	1	5	49	6-4	39	51	2	33-6		
Crowley.....	.268	66	71	8	19	28	6	0	1	11	0-0	7	6	0	0-0		
Driessen....	.281	88	210	38	59	90	8	1	7	38	0-2	35	30	2	10-3		
Flynn.....	.268	88	127	17	34	44	7	0	1	20	4-1	11	13	0	3-0		
Foster.....	.300	134	463	71	139	240	24	4	23	78	0-5	40	73	3	2-1		
Geronimo...	.257	148	501	69	129	182	25	5	6	53	3-1	48	97	4	13-5		
Griffey.....	.305	132	463	95	141	186	15	9	4	46	6-3	67	67	1	16-7		
Morgan.....	.327	146	498	107	163	253	27	6	17	94	0-6	132	52	3	68-10		
Perez.....	.282	137	511	74	144	238	28	3	20	109	0-6	54	101	3	1-2		
Plummer....	.182	65	159	17	29	39	7	0	1	19	0-4	24	28	2	1-0		
Rettenmund.	.239	93	188	24	45	59	6	1	2	19	1-2	35	22	0	5-0		
Rose .....	.317	162	662	112	210	286	47	4	7	74	1-1	89	50	11	0-1	
Team Totals	.271	162	5581	840	1515	2239	278	37	124	779	66-45	691	916	35	169-36		
PITCHING	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	SV	SHO	IP	H	HR	R	ER	BB	SO	HB
Billingham..	15	10	4.11	33	32	5	0	0	0	208	222	22	100	95	76	79	9
Borbon.....	9	5	2.95	67	0	0	24	5	0	125	145	6	47	41	21	29	3
Carroll.....	7	5	2.63	56	2	0	27	7	0	96	93	2	30	28	32	44	3
Darcy.....	11	5	3.57	27	22	1	3	1	0	131	134	4	54	52	59	46	0
Eastwick...	5	3	2.60	58	0	0	41	22	0	90	77	6	26	26	25	61	2
G Illett....	15	4	2.42	22	22	8	0	0	3	160	127	11	49	43	56	98	2
Kirby	10	6	4.70	26	19	1	3	0	0	111	113	13	63	58	54	48	5
McEnaney..	5	2	2.47	70	0	0	38	15	0	91	92	6	29	25	23	48	2
Nolan.....	15	9	3.16	32	32	5	0	0	1	211	202	18	75	74	29	74	1
Norman....	12	4	3.73	34	26	2	1	0	0	188	163	23	85	78	84	119	0
Team Totals	108	54	3.37	162	162	22	140	50	8	1459	1422	112	586	546	487	663	29

1975 PITTSBURGH PIRATES ROSTER

Manager—Danny Murtaugh (40)
Coaches—Don Leppert (43), Don Osborn (42), Jose Pagan (2), Bob Skinner (4)

No.		B	T	Hgt.	Wgt.	Born	Birthplace	Residence
PITCHERS								
30	Brett, Ken	L	L	5:11	195	9/18/48	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Boston, Mass.
45	Candelaria, John	L	L	6:07	210	11/ 6/53	Brooklyn, N. Y.	New York, N. Y.
44	Demery, Larry	R	R	6:00	170	6/ 4/53	Bakersfield, Calif.	Los Angeles, Calif.
17	Ellis, Dock	S	R	6:03	195	3/11/45	Los Angeles, Calif.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
31	Giusti, Dave	R	R	5:11	205	11/27/39	Seneca Falls, N. Y.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
36	Hernandez, Ramon	S	L	5:09	189	8/31/40	Carolina, P.R.	Carolina, P. R.
25	Kison, Bruce	R	R	6:04	175	2/18/50	Pasco, Wash.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
41	Reuss, Jerry	L	L	6:05	210	6/19/49	St. Louis, Mo.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
19	Rooker, Jim	R	L	6:00	201	9/23/42	Lakeview, Ore.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
27	Tekulve, Kent	R	R	6:04	170	3/ 5/47	Cincinnati, O.	Fairfield, O.
CATCHERS								
5	Dyer, Duffy	R	R	6:00	195	8/15/45	Dayton, O.	Phoenix, Ariz.
35	Sanguillen, Manny	R	R	6:00	189	3/21/44	Colon, Panama	Pittsburgh, Pa.
INFIELDERS								
3	Hebner, Richie	L	R	6:01	200	11/26/47	Boston, Mass.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
14	Howe, Art	R	R	6:02	190	12/15/46	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
18	Randolph, Willie	R	R	5:11	160	7/ 6/54	Holly Hills, S. C.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
12	Reynolds, Craig	L	R	6:01	175	12/27/52	Houston, Tex.	Houston, Tex.
7	Robertson, Bob	R	R	6:01	212	10/ 2/46	Frostburg, Md.	Cumberland, Md.
8	Stargell, Willie	L	L	6:02½	228	3/ 6/41	Earlsboro, Okla.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
6	Stennett, Rennie	R	R	5:11	175	4/ 5/51	Colon, Panama	Pittsburgh, Pa.
10	Taveras, Frank	R	R	6:00	160	12/24/50	Villa Vasquez, D.R.	Santiago, D.R.
OUTFIELDERS								
23	Kirkpatrick, Ed	L	R	6:00	204	10/ 8/44	Spokane, Wash.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
16	Oliver, Al	L	L	6:01	195	10/14/46	Portsmouth, O.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
39	Parker, Dave	L	R	6:05	225	6/ 9/51	Cincinnati, O.	Cincinnati, O.
28	Robinson, Bill	R	R	6:03	205	6/26/43	McKeesport, Pa.	Turnersville, N. J.
22	Zisk, Richie	R	R	6:01	205	2/ 6/49	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Pittsburgh, Pa.

Trainer—Tony Bartirome Equipment Manager—John Hallahan
Traveling Secretary—John Fitzpatrick
Team Physician—Dr. Joseph Finegold

1975 STATISTICS - PITTSBURGH PIRATES

BATTING	Pct.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH-SF	SO	HB	SB-CS	
Dyer.....	.227	48	132	8	30	48	5	2	3	16	1-0	6	22	1	0-0
Hebner.....	.246	128	472	63	116	185	16	4	15	57	3-5	43	48	10	0-1
Howe.....	.171	63	146	13	25	37	9	0	1	10	1-0	15	15	0	1-0
Kirkpatrick ..	.236	89	144	15	34	54	5	0	5	16	1-1	18	22	0	1-0
Oliver.....	.280	155	628	90	176	285	39	8	18	84	0-8	25	73	5	4-2
Parker.....	.308	148	558	75	172	302	35	10	25	101	0-1	38	89	5	8-6
Randolph ...	.164	30	61	9	10	11	1	0	0	3	1-1	7	6	0	1-0
Reynolds....	.224	31	76	8	17	20	3	0	0	4	0-0	3	5	0	0-1
Robertson...	.274	75	124	17	34	56	4	0	6	18	0-3	23	25	2	0-0
Robinson ...	.280	92	200	26	56	90	12	2	6	33	3-3	11	36	0	3-1
Sanguillen ..	.328	133	481	60	158	217	24	4	9	58	2-3	48	31	3	5-4
Stargell....	.295	124	461	71	136	238	32	2	22	90	0-4	58	109	3	0-0
Stennett....	.286	148	616	89	176	236	25	7	7	62	6-5	33	42	4	5-4
Taveras....	.212	134	378	44	80	97	9	4	0	23	8-2	37	42	2	17-6
Zisk.....	.290	147	304	69	146	239	27	3	20	75	0-4	68	109	2	0-1
Team Totals	.263	161	5489	712	1444	2207	255	47	138	669	76-40	468	832	38	49-28

PITCHING	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GF	SV	SHO	IP	H	HR	R	ER	BB	SO	HB
Brett.....	9	5	3.36	23	16	4	4	0	1	118	110	10	47	44	43	47	2
Candelaria..	8	6	2.75	18	18	4	0	0	1	121	95	8	47	37	36	95	2
Demery....	7	4	2.90	45	8	1	23	4	0	115	95	7	40	37	43	59	3
Ellis.....	8	9	3.79	27	24	5	1	0	2	140	163	9	69	59	43	69	3
Giusti.....	5	4	2.93	61	0	0	43	17	0	92	79	3	38	30	42	38	0
Hernandez..	7	2	2.95	46	0	0	27	5	0	64	62	0	21	21	28	43	0
Kison.....	12	11	3.23	33	29	6	0	0	0	192	160	10	89	69	92	89	4
Reuss.....	18	11	2.54	32	32	15	0	0	6	237	224	10	73	67	78	131	0
Rooker....	13	11	2.97	28	28	7	0	0	1	197	177	16	80	65	76	102	3
Tekulve....	1	2	2.25	34	0	0	9	5	0	56	43	2	20	14	23	28	1
Team Totals	92	69	3.01	161	161	43	118	31	14	1437	1302	79	565	480	551	768	20

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Red Machine Rolls to Earliest Clincher

It was the evening of May 21 and the Cincinnati Reds were playing the New York Mets in Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium. The Reds were puttering along and entered that game with a 20-20 record, in second place and a full five games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West.

The prospects of moving over the .500 mark didn't look good, either. Tom Seaver was on the mound for the Mets. After the first three innings Seaver held a 3-0 lead and hadn't permitted a hit. But in the next two innings the Mets' righthander was bombed as the Reds scored seven times and went on to win, 11-4.

More importantly, that was victory No. 1 in a streak that would find the Reds winning 41 times in their next

50 games, a streak surpassed only by the 1906 Chicago Cubs and the 1942 St. Louis Cardinals.

By the All-Star break the Reds had a 61-29 record, held a commanding 12½-game advantage over the Dodgers and streaked on their way to possibly the greatest season in their National League history.

While the victory over Seaver on May 21 was the initial win in a drive to the top, the so-called "turning point" of the season probably came on May 2 when right out of the blue Manager Sparky Anderson announced that Pete Rose was going to be the Reds' third baseman. It was a shock and a gamble since Rose had played the outfield for the past nine seasons. But the move paid off and it gave the Reds a lineup

"without any outs in it," as Joe Morgan put it.

George Foster was installed as the regular leftfielder as a result of Rose moving to third, and off he went to become one of baseball's leading power hitters of the year.

As the Reds caught and passed the Dodgers during their 50-game streak from May 21 to July 13, they were extraordinary in all phases of the game. For instance:

- Rose had 70 hits, raising his batting average from .308 to .319, getting hits in all but nine of the 50 games.
- Morgan batted .351, was on base 97 times, hit 10 homers, scored the winning run eight times and knocked in the game-winner nine times. In addition, he won his second Player of the Month Award in the National League in June.
- Johnny Bench slammed 12 homers, knocked in 47 runs, had seven game-winning hits and displayed his versatility by playing four different positions.
- Tony Perez rapped eight homers and knocked in 31 runs.
- George Foster averaged .308, belted nine home runs and had four game-winning hits.
- Starting pitchers Jack Billingham, Don Gullett and Clay Kirby were 17-0, and reliever Will McEnaney had a 1.15 ERA in 38½ innings.
- The defense was superb as the Reds set a major league record by going 15 consecutive games without committing an error (152 innings).

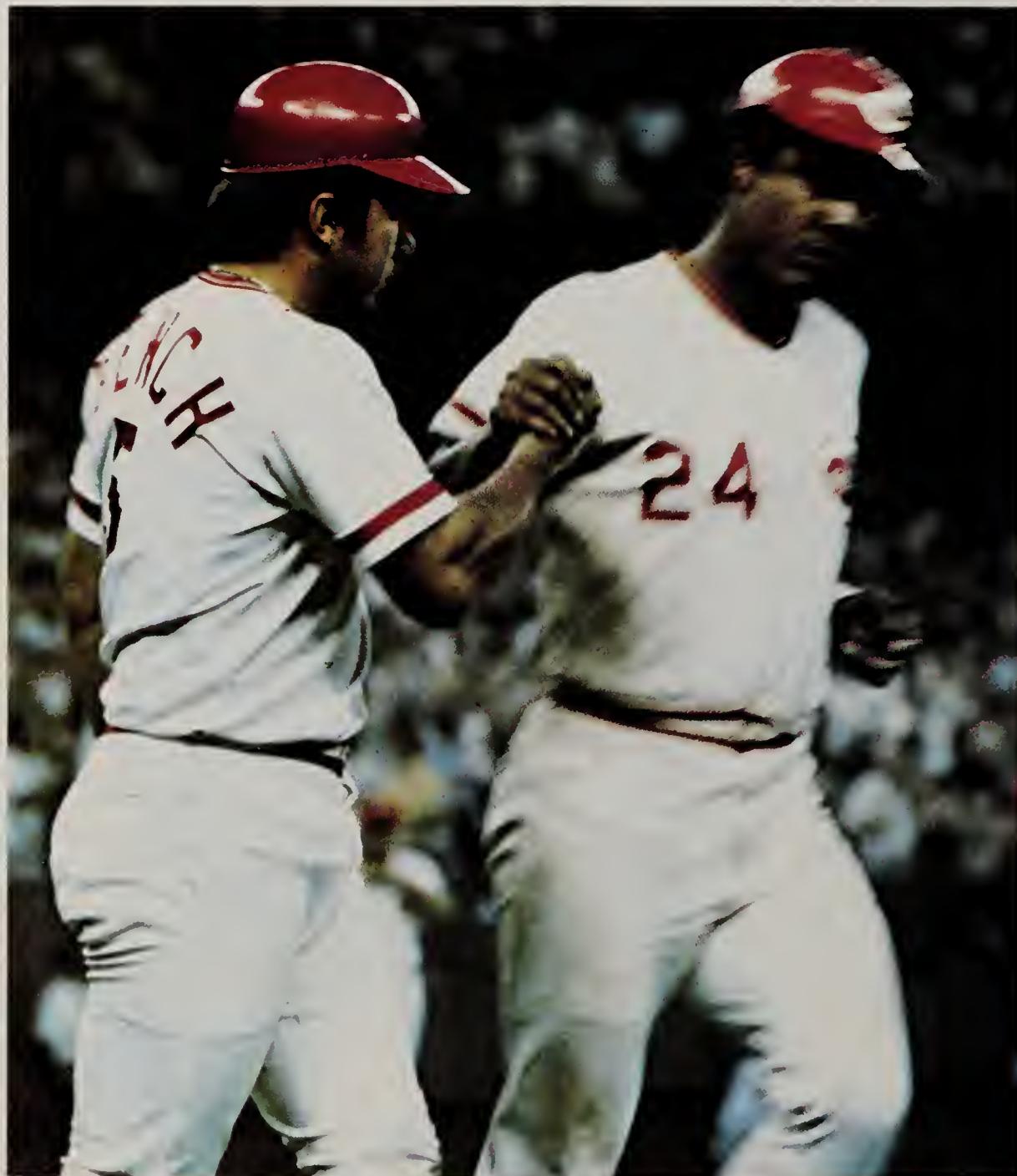
It was for reasons like the above that the Reds vaulted atop the standings prior to the All-Star break and enjoyed the best record in the major leagues.

After the mid-summer break, the Reds lost five of seven when play resumed. However, the slump was only momentary, and by the end of July the club was 32 games over .500 and 14½ games ahead of the Dodgers.

Anderson's crew lost its first game in August and another on August 8, but those were the only two setbacks during the first 15 days of the month. The Reds rolled to a nine-game winning streak that was only one short of matching their earlier 10-game streak which was the longest in the league.

Foster and Perez, two righthanded sluggers with enormous power, sparked the August surge that saw Cincinnati hike its lead to 17½ games on August 16. It was believed to be the biggest margin in the club's history up to that point.

Foster, who vaulted among the league's leading home-run hitters, was



Johnny Bench (left) congratulates Tony Perez as latter crosses plate following home run. Pair provided Reds with potent one-two punch in middle of lineup, with both topping 100 runs batted in.

taking Cincinnati by storm. Until sidelined by a strep throat on August 19, he had hit safely in 15 straight games and provided many key home runs, including two off Jerry Reuss on August 14 as the Reds won the first of four from Pittsburgh. Foster's streak finally ended at 16 games.

Perez was warming up after a slow start and by August was as hot as the temperature in the steaming Ohio Valley. The Cuban Comet was on his way to a sixth 100-RBI season and reached the 1,000 mark in career RBIs late in August. Like Foster, he put together a sizeable hitting streak which reached 18 games before being halted on August 28.

Cincinnati's pitching staff also received lots of headlines, especially when the staff went 45 consecutive games without a route-going performance to set a major league record. Still, it was a top-notch staff which ranked third in the league in earned-run average.

Rawly Eastwick, a young right-hander plucked from the Indianapolis farm club late in May, came on strong and became Anderson's most trusted righthanded relief specialist. McEnaney continued to dazzle from the portside.

And on August 18, two months and two days after suffering a broken left thumb when hit by a line drive off the bat of Larvell Blanks of Atlanta, Don Gullett returned to the starting rotation. He was 9-3 with a 2.09 earned-run average when injured. His return was impressive, five shutout innings and three hits.

Gullett made the comeback complete at the end of the month. Hurling again against the Cardinals, he pitched a five-hit shutout and served notice that he would be a strong challenger for the National League earned-run average championship.

While Gullett was the top starter, another Cincinnati pitcher who was receiving a lot of recognition was Gary Nolan. The righthanded-throwing Nolan had successfully returned to the starting rotation after an absence of two and one-half years because of arm trouble. Although he was tagged for about a hit per inning, Gary was in almost every game he pitched and with a few breaks he might have been a 20-victory candidate.

On August 30 Perez tied Frank Robinson for the all-time Reds' RBI lead, and then on September 2 against San Diego he knocked in his 1,010th run to move into the top spot.

A couple of weeks before that, Pete Rose added another milestone to his growing list. His seventh-inning single off Bruce Kison on August 17 pushed him to the 2,500-hit mark in his career.

By the time September arrived, the Reds had the Western Division championship clearly in sight. They

officially clinched the title on Sunday, September 7, when they walloped the Giants, 8-4, while the Dodgers were losing to the Braves. The results left Cincinnati with a 20½-game lead and just 20 contests to play.

Ironically, it was Foster who keyed the clinching victory. The slugging leftfielder, who had turned the Reds' offense around earlier in the season, had four hits and four RBIs in the decisive triumph over his former San Francisco teammates.

The division championship was Cincinnati's fourth in the past six seasons and was assured with 95 victories in hand. It was by far the earliest that any division title had been clinched and it was the earliest date in National League history that a title had been decided during a 154-game or 162-game schedule. The previous record-holders were the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers, who sewed up the pennant that season on September 8.

Until he was struck by a couple of injuries, Bench was bidding to become only the third National League player ever to win four RBI championships. The Reds' catcher was running head-to-head in that department with Greg Luzinski of the Phillies early in September before being forced to the sidelines.

First Bench suffered a badly bruised toe when a Fred Norman pitch

bounced in front of the plate and hit him on the foot. And on the day Johnny returned to action, he suffered a pulled groin muscle that idled him for most of the remainder of the regular season.

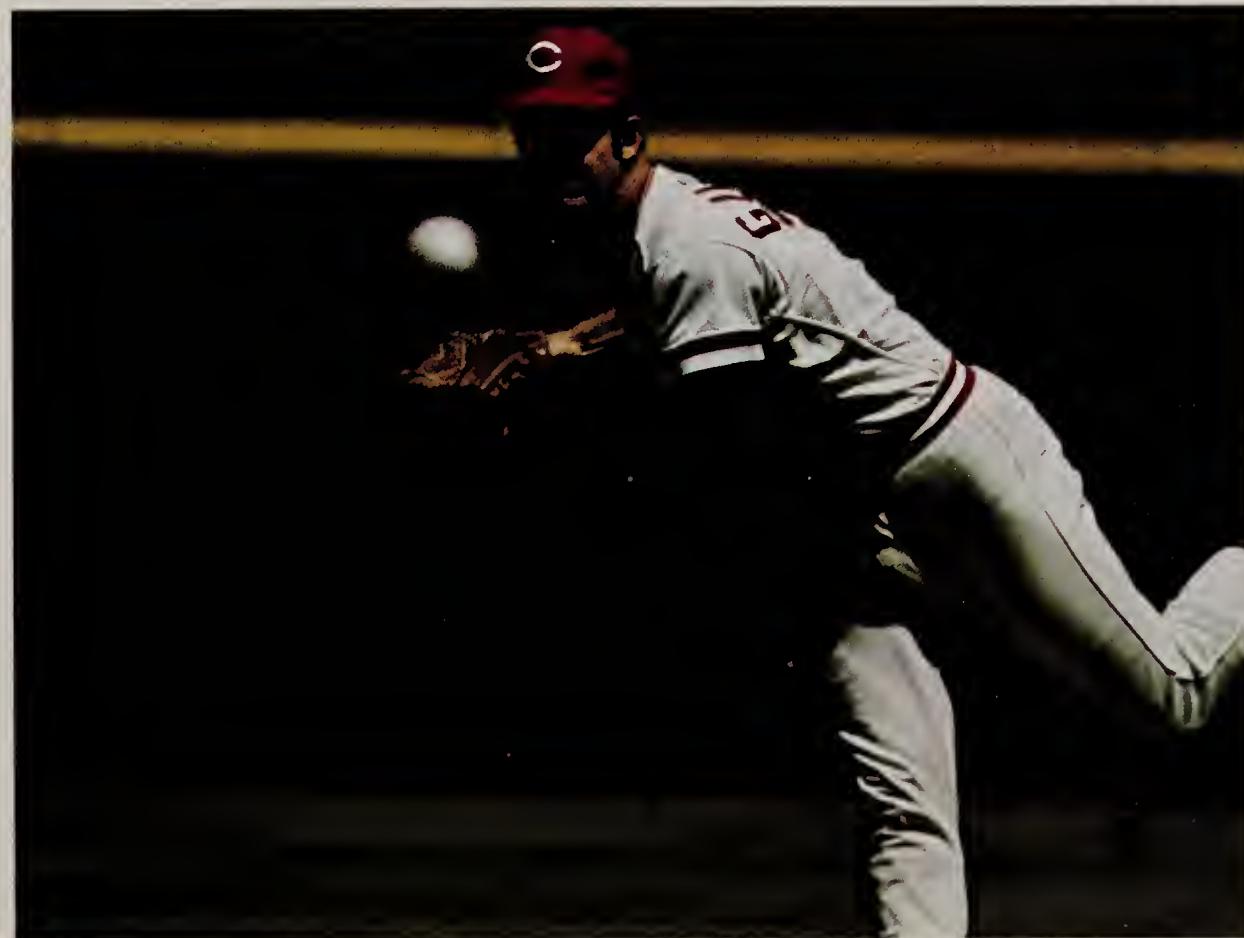
Even without their two-time Most Valuable Player in the lineup, the Reds kept on winning as another of the club's sparkplugs bolstered his bid for the MVP award. He was Joe Morgan.

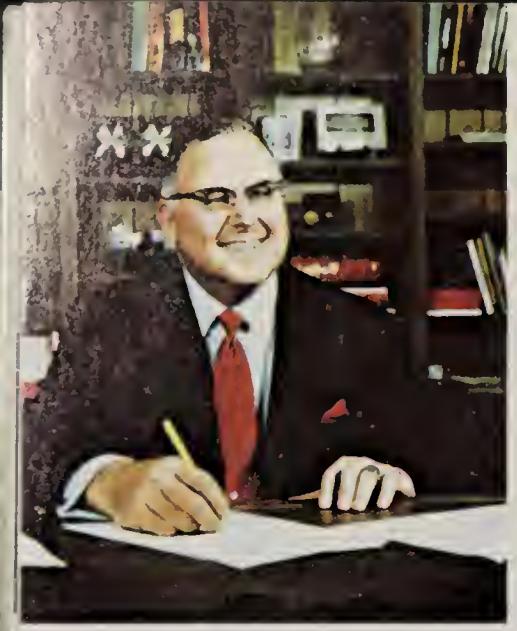
Little Joe had a sensational season. He batted well over .300, marking the first time in his career that he reached the magic figure. He set a club record for walks, breaking the mark of 120 he set last year. He stole more than 60 bases for the second time in his career and set a new personal high in runs batted in.

As a team, the Reds added a couple of more records later in September. They scored their sixty-second home victory on September 17 against the Houston Astros to establish a league record for most wins at home in a season. The old mark of 61 was held by the 1961 San Francisco Giants.

And then on September 21 the Reds established a Cincinnati club standard for most victories. By beating Atlanta 3-0, to complete a four-game sweep, they posted their 103rd triumph of the season—one more than the 1970 Reds registered. Sparky Anderson's team finished the regular campaign with a 108-54 record.

Fireballing Don Gullett shows form that made him bellwether of Reds' starting pitching rotation. Except for two-month shelving because of broken thumb, he probably would have been a 20-game winner.





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Big Bats Help Pirates Repeat in NL East

The Pittsburgh Pirates and the National League Eastern Division Championship are beginning to become as synonymous as Danny Murtaugh and his rocking chair. With five divisional titles in the last six years (1970, '71, '72, '74, and '75), the Pirates have established themselves as one of the best hitting clubs in baseball with a strong and deep pitching staff.

It is Danny's philosophy that in order to produce a winning team you must mold a group of athletes who understand both how to win and how to lose—men who never get too high over victory or too low following defeat. The ability to cope with both is probably the No. 1 factor behind the success of the Pirates.

For the Pirates, the season really began last February in Bradenton, Fla. It was there that a major change took place that had significant repercussions. The team's "big man," Willie Stargell, was shifted to first base from his familiar position in left field. This enabled highly-regarded Dave Parker to take over the rightfield job, and allowed Richie Zisk to assume his normal position in left.

Murtaugh had stated that this year's pitching staff had the potential to be as strong as any in baseball and selecting ten hurlers from a list that included Jerry Reuss, Jim Rooker, Ken Brett, Bruce Kison, Dock Ellis, Dave Giusti, Ramon Hernandez, Larry Demery, Bob Moose, John Candelaria, Steve Blass, Wayne Simpson, Sam McDowell, Juan Pizarro and Jim Ray was an enviable task.

Prior to the start of the season, two deals were consummated which proved extremely beneficial. Reserve outfielder Bill Robinson was obtained from the Philadelphia Phillies in exchange for pitcher Wayne Simpson, and catcher Duffy Dyer was acquired from the New York Mets. Duffy proved to be an excellent backup for Manny Sanguillen with outstanding defensive skills and the ability to handle pitchers well, and Robinson performed well in various roles.

The Pirates had won the divisional flag a year ago despite a very slow start and it wasn't until mid-July of 1974 that the team began to jell. The feeling was that in order to compete in '75, the Bucs would have to get off to a fast start, and that they did just that.

The Pirates won their first three games in typical fashion. First baseman Willie Stargell provided the big punch on opening day in Chicago by going 4-for-4, with two home runs and

three RBIs, in the 8-4 win. The next day in the Three Rivers Stadium home opener the Pirates scored four runs in the ninth inning to defeat the Mets, 4-3. And the third straight win was highlighted by Bruce Kison, who threw a three-hitter, and by Al Oliver, who collected his 1,000th major league hit off Tom Seaver. Oliver thus kept pace with the timetable established by the late Roberto Clemente in his drive for 3,000 hits.

The month of April was significant in still another way. It was the first real test for pitchers Dave Giusti and Ken Brett following off-season elbow surgery. Giusti, who holds the league record for the most career saves since the rule was established in 1969, was almost invincible during the early going. He did not allow a run in his first eight games, covering 15 innings, and closed out the month with a 2-2 record, four saves and a 1.16 ERA in 23 innings. The team was able to breathe a little easier knowing that the man who has been involved in 35 percent of the Pirate victories since 1970 (with either a win or save) was fully recovered from the operation.

Brett was the winningest pitcher on the team in 1974 until elbow trouble developed in July, and it was hoped that surgery had corrected the problem. However, a flareup occurred in

spring training that necessitated his being placed on the disabled list for the early weeks of the season. On April 20 Ken made his first start and combined with Giusti for a 5-0 shutout of Montreal. Brett pitched six innings, giving up four hits, and hit his tenth big league home run, reminding everyone that he is one of the best hitting pitchers in baseball.

Stargell is the all-time Pittsburgh home-run leader and he ranks in the top ten in ten different Pirate all-time offensive categories. On April 26, he hit his 350th big league home run off the Phillies' Wayne Twitchell in helping Jim Rooker to his second consecutive complete game win.

The Pirates closed out the month of April with a five-hit shutout by Jerry Reuss over St. Louis and with catcher Manny Sanguillen collecting his 1000th major league hit. This was the Bucs' fourth straight complete game and enabled the staff to take over the league ERA lead (2.54). The club finished April in second place, 2½ games behind the red-hot Chicago Cubs.

The Pirates continued to keep pace with the Cubs during May. The team won seven of nine contests from May 6 to May 18 but picked up just one game. These victories were highlighted by the hitting of both Sanguillen, who was off to his best start ever,

Willie Stargell, shifted to first base this year, grabs throw to retire Rick Monday of Cubs. Stargell's menacing war club again was potent force in power-packed Pittsburgh lineup.





Southpaw Jerry Reuss delivers high, hard one for Pirates. Ace of Pittsburgh pitching staff, he not only topped club's hurlers in victories, but ranked among National League ERA leaders.

and rightfielder Dave Parker, who went 3-for-5 with a career high of six RBIs on May 9, including a three-run homer off Dodger Mike Marshall in the Bucs' 11-3 win. On the mound Reuss was showing the type of stuff of which 20-game winners are made as he struck out a career high of 12 batters in his 2-0 shutout of San Diego on May 13 with shortstop Frank Taveras driving in both runs.

Ed Kirkpatrick's eleventh-inning pinch-homer on May 25 gave the Pirates a 6-5 victory over San Diego that launched a six-game winning streak. Nine days later—on June 6—the team took over first place for keeps when Kison defeated San Francisco, 7-2, as Richie Zisk and Parker hit back-to-back home runs. The victory was Kison's sixth against one setback.

On June 9 the Pirates started a trip which saw them win both games in Cincinnati, 9-2 and 9-5, take one of two in Houston, then all three in Atlanta. They were beginning to put everything together. Starring on the trip were Oliver, who hit a grand-slam against the Braves, and Rennie Stennett, who was making dazzling plays around second base.

Rooker continued his mastery over St. Louis by beating the Cards for the fifth straight time over two years, 9-3, June 18. Kirkpatrick played leftfield for the first time in Pittsburgh that night and went 4-for-5. Bill Robinson, playing centerfield for the injured Oliver, drove in three runs.

John Candelaria, rookie southpaw, joined the Pirates early in June from Charleston of the International League when Brett was again placed on the 21-day disabled list with stiffness in his left elbow. The addition of "The Candy

Man" helped the Bucs substantially. The 21-year-old showed the poise of a seasoned performer while picking up a number of important victories. In his first, the Brooklyn-born Candelaria stopped the Mets on four hits, 5-1, June 20. He owned a no-hitter after five innings, only to have Tom Seaver get the first Met hit to open the sixth. In his next start Candelaria struck out 13 batters in a 5-3 victory over the Cubs.

Third baseman Richie Hebner was one of the hottest hitters in the league during June, socking ten home runs and driving in 21 runs, with several of them being game-winners.

The Pirates started the month of July on another fast note, winning ten of their first 13 games. Pirate broadcaster Bob Prince called the game on July 6 in Chicago "The Great Shoot Out" as the Bucs won, 18-12, with a team batting attack of 20 hits. The club scored in every inning except the ninth.

By July 9 the club had stretched its first-place lead to five and one-half games. Kison won his fourteenth game in a row at Three Rivers Stadium that night by besting the Dodgers' Andy Messersmith, 3-2. On July 11, the lead went to six and one-half games as Candelaria pitched his first big league shutout against the Padres.

At the All-Star break the Pirates owned a 6½-game lead over the Phillies—the result of playing .712 ball since May 25, winning 37 of 52 games.

The Pirates have the reputation of being a power-hitting club, and it seemed like a typical Pittsburgh season in late July with the team leading the league with a .270 batting average. However, it was these same Pirate bats which fell silent for most of

August. As a consequence, the Bucs' first-place lead gradually dwindled away.

The Phillies moved into a first-place tie on August 18 after a disastrous Pirate trip which produced only two victories in 14 games. But on returning home the Pirates again played inspired ball. The return to the lineup of Stargell, who had been out for two weeks with a fractured rib, provided the spark.

Reuss halted a six-game Pittsburgh losing streak on August 19 when he handcuffed the Giants on three hits, 4-0, for his fifth shutout of the year. Oliver contributed the 100th home run of his career to the attack. The next night Murtaugh gained his 1000th victory as Pirate manager when Rooker also checked San Francisco on three hits, 3-1.

In the series with Cincinnati that followed, the Pirates resumed the torrid hitting that had been the club's trademark in recent years and took three of four games. Curiously, Zisk collected six RBIs—his career high for one game—in what proved to be the only loss of the series, a 12-7 drubbing.

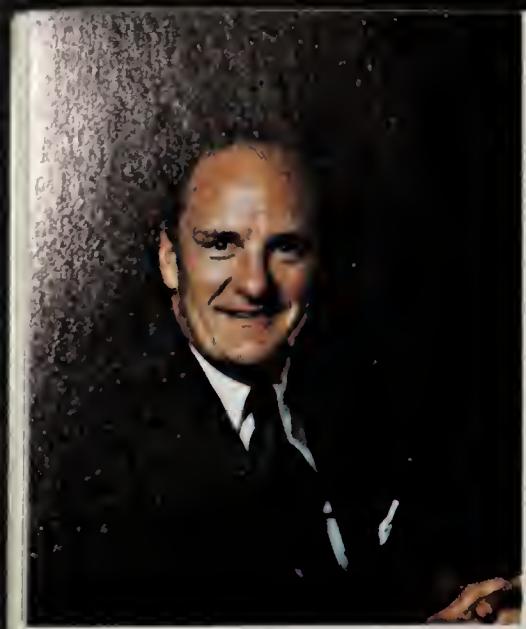
On August 26 the first eight Pirate batters hit safely en route to an 8-2 win over Atlanta. A few days later it was on to New York for an important three-game series. Tom Seaver stopped the Buc bats cold in the opener, 3-0, but the Pirates came back to beat Jerry Koosman and Jon Matlack, 8-4 and 3-1, on successive days.

The ability to bounce back, a hallmark of the 1975 Pirates, was again evident in the September 15 double-header in Chicago. After losing the first game, the club roared back to win the nightcap, 9-1, behind another gutty performance by Rooker.

The game the following day was, individually and collectively, the biggest of the year for Pirate hitters. The Bucs defeated the Cubs, 22-0, as Stennett set a modern major league record with seven hits in seven at-bats, twice collecting two hits in one inning. The winning margin was also the greatest of any shutout in modern major league history.

Stennett continued his record-breaking binge on September 17. Collecting three hits in a 9-1 victory over Philadelphia, the Pirates' second baseman made it ten hits in two consecutive games and thus broke the modern-day record shared by Stan Musial, former Cardinal great, and Baltimore's Don Baylor.

The Pirates' division-clinching victory came on September 22. Appropriately it came against the Phillies, who had been the Bucs' closest competitors for most of the season. Also quite fittingly it was the Pittsburgh bats that broke the game wide open for an 11-3 triumph as Pittsburgh made it five Eastern Division titles in the last six years.



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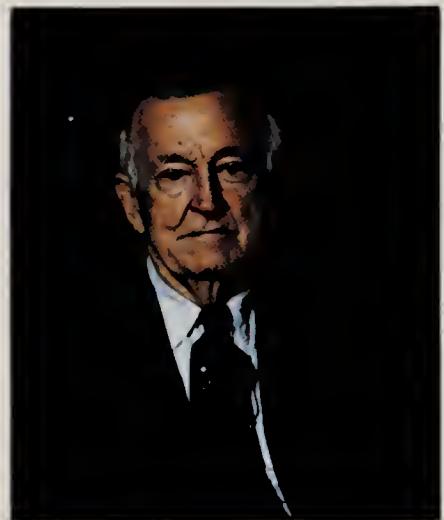
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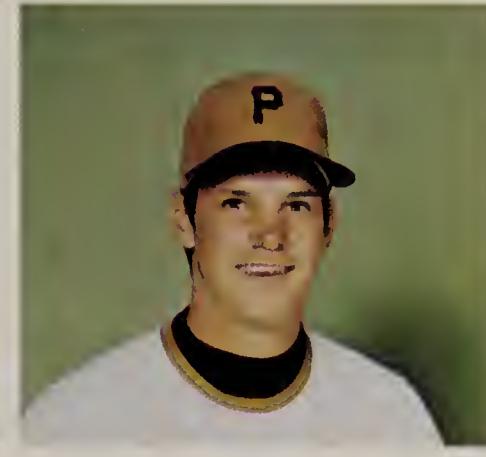
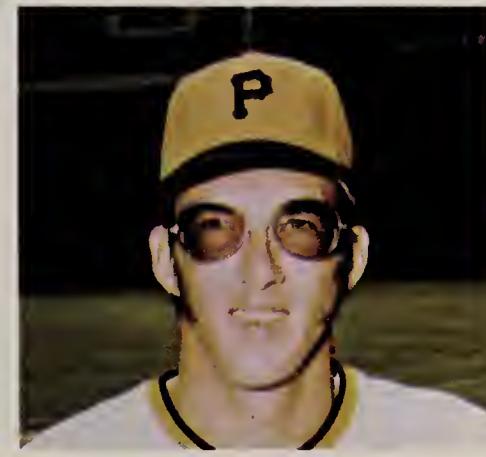
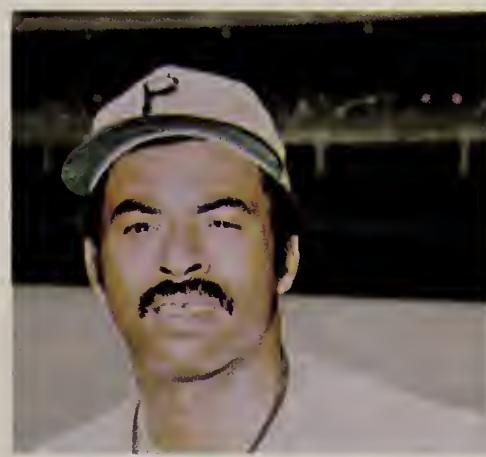
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1975 NATIONAL LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

1975 NATIONAL LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM — **Front row (left to right):** Joel Stoller, batboy; Johnny Bench, Steve Garvey, Reggie Smith, Gary Carter, Joe Morgan, Larry Bowa, Jeff Winter, batboy. **Second row:** Roy Cey, Dave Concepcion, Pete Rose, Al Oliver, Stan Musial, honorary captain; Red Schoendienst, coach; Walter Alston, manager; Danny Murtaugh, coach; Bill Madlock, Greg Luzinski, Lou Brock, Bobby Murcer. **Third row:** Don Sutton, Jim Wynn, Tony Perez, Bob Watson, Mike Marshall, Dave Cash, Jon Matlack, Randy Jones, Phil Niekro, Manny Sanguillen, Jerry Reuss, Tom Seaver. **Back row:** Jim Ksincinski, visiting clubhouse manager; Tom Dettore, batting practice pitcher; Ken Frailing, batting practice pitcher; Tug McGraw, Andy Messersmith, Mark Cresse, batting practice catcher; Bill Buhler, trainer.

HIGHLIGHTS

National League*

Since the start of divisional play in 1969, two teams have dominated their respective sections of the National League—the Pittsburgh Pirates in the East and the Cincinnati Reds in the West.

By staving off all challengers again this season, the Pirates captured their fifth divisional title in six years. Only the New York Mets have broken the Pittsburgh reign in the East. The Mets not only won the first division championship in '69, but also squeaked to the top in 1973.

The Reds' easy victory in the West represented their fourth crown in six years. They previously won in 1970, 1972 and 1973.

The 1975 triumphs of the Pirates and Reds are covered in an earlier section of this publication. The season resumes of the ten other National League clubs follow:



Ralph Garr, Atlanta's eagle-eyed hitter, stands poised while awaiting next pitch.

Atlanta Braves

Despite a dropoff from their excellent record of 1974, several factors and performances were encouraging for the Atlanta Braves in 1975.

Most encouraging was the play of three youngsters who stepped into roles as regulars and performed well. At one point, Rowland Office, Rod Gilbreath and Biff Pocoroba (all age 22) were the Braves' top three hitters.

Office looks as if he'll be patrolling center field for the Braves for many years. He turned in spectacular catches with regularity throughout the season. Gilbreath, who played second and short, showed speed and an ability to handle the bat, while Pocoroba made the jump from Class AA to the majors in fine style.

Another bright, and somewhat surprising, spot was the play of Marty Perez at second base. Perez, whose previous career high was .290, hovered near .300 for much of the season before encountering a slump during the final month.

The Braves received good pitching from two veterans, Phil Niekro and Carl Morton, both rated among the best starters in the league. And reliever Tom House registered career highs in wins and saves, along with one of the league's most impressive ERA's.

Braves' pitching suffered a big blow early in the season, though, when Buzz Capra, 1974 ERA leader, developed tendinitis and had to sit out nearly four months. His loss was felt greatly in the starting rotation.

Finally, Darrell Evans went over the 20 mark in home runs for the third straight season. And Ralph Garr, after struggling the first half, hit well the second half of the season.

So, 1975 wasn't a great year for the Braves in the standings, but it was a good year for discovering younger players' abilities and confirming that veteran players' skills were still there. Now the task is to combine the two into a pennant contender in the near future.





Bill Madlock of Cubs, 1975 N.L. batting champion, beats out hit against Reds.



Astros' second baseman Rob Andrews steals in a game with the Atlanta Braves.



Dave Lopes heads coach Tom Lasorda's sign and slides safely into third base.

Chicago Cubs

The Chicago Cubs blew out of the gate like "Wonder Horse" and set an early pace in the National League East that for a faint moment stirred hopes in even the most cynical of veteran Cub watchers. After losing a snow-delayed season opener, the young Cubs won their next seven games. It marked their longest winning streak since 1970 and their best shot out of the gate since 1969 when they won 11 of their first 12 games.

And there was more to come. The Cubs went on to post a 12-5 record during April. Their performance was so impressive that it sent historians into the archives where it took considerable digging and removing of accumulated dust to uncover the fact that it was the best April for any Cub nine since the pennant-winning team of 1945.

The Cubs, 1975 edition, reached their pinnacle on May 15 when Rick Reuschel pitched a three-hitter against Houston. It was their twentieth victory against only ten losses and give them a 3½-game lead.

But alas, "Wonder Horse" threw a shoe. The Cub bats, booming with regularity for the first five weeks, suddenly fell silent. Jim Marshall's young Bruins lost eight of their next ten games and finally crashed to earth.

What of the new, young Cubs who demonstrated such a flash of brilliance across the baseball horizon?

The Madlocks, Trillos, Thorntons, LaCocks, Bonhams, Reuschels, all provide the basis for optimism. Without a doubt, Bill Madlock has labeled himself as a budding star. The young third baseman, who narrowly missed Rookie of the Year honors in 1974, took over first place in the National League batting race in mid-June after clobbering Cincinnati pitching for 11 hits in 13 at-bats over one stretch and went on to win the batting title by a wide margin.

It was a year of frustration for the Cubs, but also a year of promise that brighter days are ahead.

Houston Astros

New hope for the future surfaced in August for the Houston Astros when they realigned their management ranks by hiring a new general manager and new field leader.

The Astros were suffering through their most dismal season since joining the National League when it became apparent that a restructuring process was imperative. The adjustments began in the front office, where Tal Smith took over on August 7 as G.M. He replaced John Mullen, who was named interim boss on July 10 when H.B. "Spec" Richardson was relieved of his duties.

Smith wasted little time in making his presence felt. On August 19, less than two weeks after taking over, he hired Bill Virdon as manager to succeed Preston Gomez.

Smith, 41, had spent 13 years in the administrative ranks of the Astros before leaving in the fall of 1973 to join the New York Yankees as executive vice-president. By coincidence, Virdon managed the Yankees from the start of the 1974 season until his dismissal on August 2 of this year.

The Astros began the 1975 season as a darkhorse in the National League West, but by the time May arrived they were mired in the cellar and never recovered. Things went from bad to worse, and by the end of June they were 22½ games out of first place—and the season was all but over for them.

Smith's goal is to rebuild a franchise that has never won a championship.

"It will take time," he concedes, "but I came here to accept the challenge of making Houston a winner, and I don't see any reason why we can't do it. There are a lot of things which need to be done and we are going to do them."

The two major adjustments in management have bolstered Houston's outlook for the coming years.

Los Angeles Dodgers

The Los Angeles Dodgers, National League champions of 1974, fell victim to a rash of injuries and the red-hot Cincinnati Reds in 1975.

Seldom has a Dodger team been hit by injuries to so many key players.

In the opening month of the season half-a-dozen Dodgers—catcher Steve Yeager, shortstop Bill Russell, pitcher Mike Marshall and outfielders Bill Buckner, Jimmy Wynn and Tom Paciorek—sustained injuries which sidelined them.

On July 1 the club lost catcher Joe Ferguson for the season when he sustained a broken bone in his right arm.

Remarkably, the Dodgers held the lead through the month of May. But the injuries, and the relentless Reds, finally caught up with the Dodgers.

In a season marked by make-shift lineups necessitated by injuries, Walt Alston's club had a solid foundation at the corners of the infield in first baseman Steve Garvey and third baseman Ron Cey. Both had standout seasons.

Another consistent performer was second baseman Davey Lopes. He enjoyed his finest season on the basepaths and shattered a 53-year-old record when he stole 38 consecutive bases before being caught on August 24 against Montreal.

One of the most consistent features of the Dodgers was the pitching, headed by the trio of Andy Messersmith, Don Sutton and Burt Hooton, the latter acquired in a trade with the Cubs. All three were among the N.L. leaders in victories, and Messersmith and Sutton were among the ERA leaders. Doug Rau also pitched well for the club.

The Dodgers enjoyed a standout year at the gate as they passed the million mark on their twenty-seventh home date—the earliest date in history for a major league club to hit one million—and they tied a National League record by reaching the two million mark on their fifty-fifth home date.

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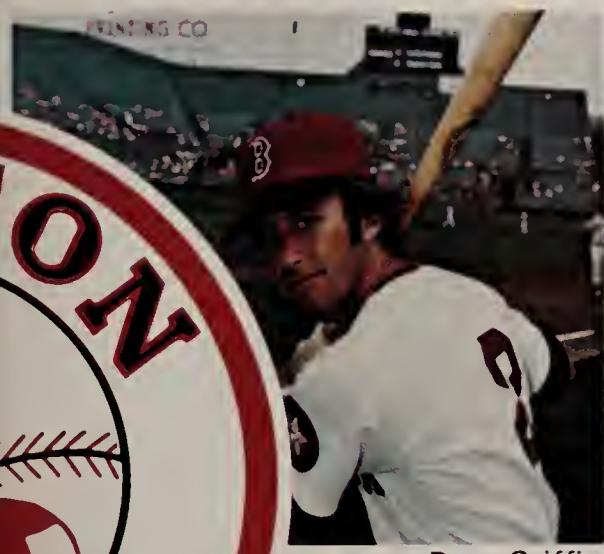
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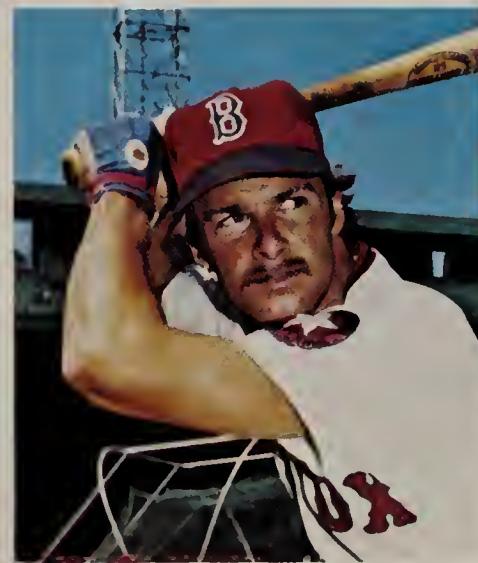
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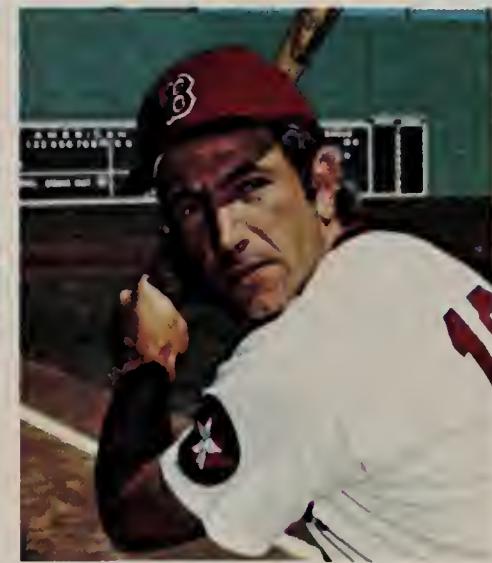
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DARRELL JOHNSON

---he remained calm ---while others worried!

by Larry Claflin
Boston Herald American Sports Columnist

One can only speculate on what emotions swept through Darrell Johnson's mind last year when the Red Sox lost the American League Eastern Division championship because of a lamentable September slump, but there need be no speculation about how Johnson feels in this year of Red Sox triumph. Satisfaction is the best word to describe how Johnson accepts his team's success.

Johnson is not a man to wear his feelings on his sleeve. He shows occasional anger, but the ups and downs of managing a major league baseball team seem to affect him a lot less than other managers. But, he would hardly be human if he did not feel particularly satisfied because of the Red Sox progress in 1975.

The 1974 Red Sox were not supposed to win the division, but nearly did. They came close despite a lost season by pitcher Rick Wise who won only three games. Wise and Reggie Cleveland won only 15 games between them after being acquired in off-season trades. Johnson and every other Red Sox executive was under heavy pressure last winter to trade for more starters because of the disappointing seasons by Wise and Cleveland.

Convinced that both Wise and Cleveland would bounce back, the Red Sox did not trade for pitchers. Their only winter deal was the acquisition of infielder Bob Heise who was never destined to see much action.

As spring training arrived, the pressure on Johnson was heavy. He needed to develop a starting rotation, find more relief help and decide which of his talented young outfielders would crash the starting lineup.

While others worried about those problems, Johnson insisted there was nothing to worry about.

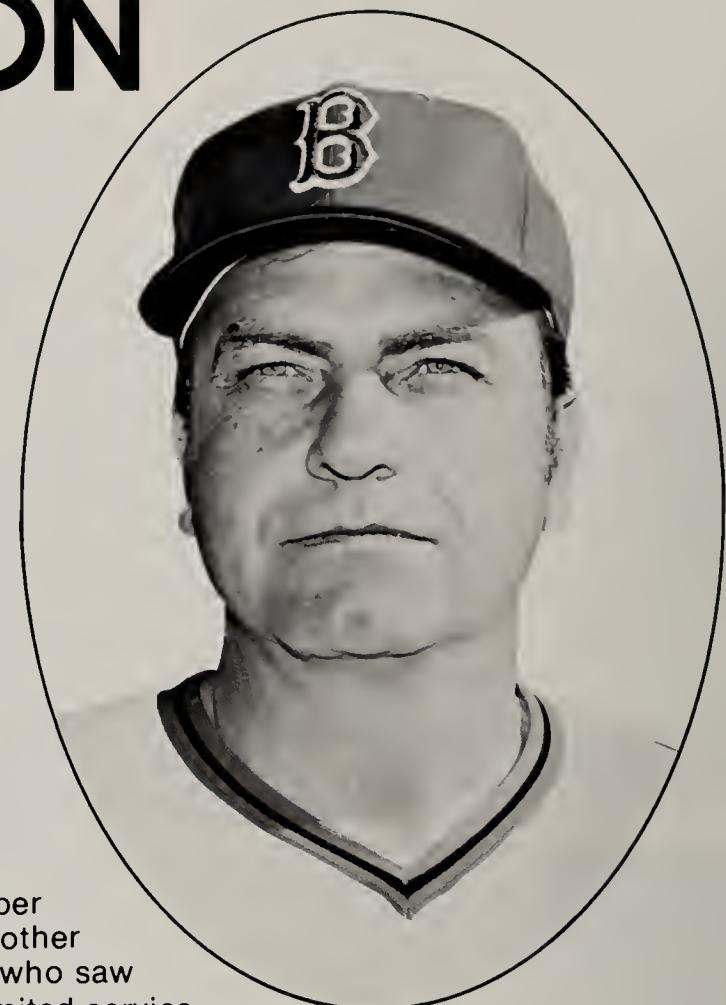
"Those things have a way of working themselves out," he kept saying. "I'll never lose sleep because we have too many good players."

Looking at such young talent at Juan Beniquez, Cecil Cooper, Jim Rice and Fred Lynn, sports writers wondered how Johnson could possibly find enough playing time for them. He already had Dwight Evans, Bernie Carbo and Rick Miller battling for outfield positions. Where, for example, would Rice and Lynn play?

In Lynn's case it was easy. The former Southern Cal star took complete charge right from the start and has been a fixture in center field ever since. In fact, he probably will be a fixture there for the next decade.

Rice was another story. The most heralded Red Sox rookie since Carl Yastrzemski, Rice was without a regular job throughout spring training. When the season opened he had to wait until the Tony Conigliaro experiment ran its course before he got a chance as designated hitter. Then, he had to wait again until he was allowed to play on defense.

While others demanded an early opportunity for Rice, Johnson took his time. The results were dramatic. Rice joined Lynn in the 100-RBI category and played much better in the field than a lot of fans expected.



Cooper was another player who saw very limited service early in the season.

But, once Cooper started hitting he never stopped. He was an even hotter hitter than Rice or Lynn in mid-summer.

Johnson maneuvered his players at other positions also. He used both Doug Griffin and Denny Doyle with excellent results at second base. With Carlton Fisk out for long periods with injuries, Johnson alternated between Bob Montgomery and Tim Blackwell behind the plate. And, without a Rollie Fingers in the bullpen, he used a variety of relievers all year.

Managing a team with no talent is the toughest task in baseball, but sometimes it is just as difficult to manage a team with a lot of talent. No player likes to sit on the bench, and Johnson was forced to sit a lot of potential regulars on the bench this year.

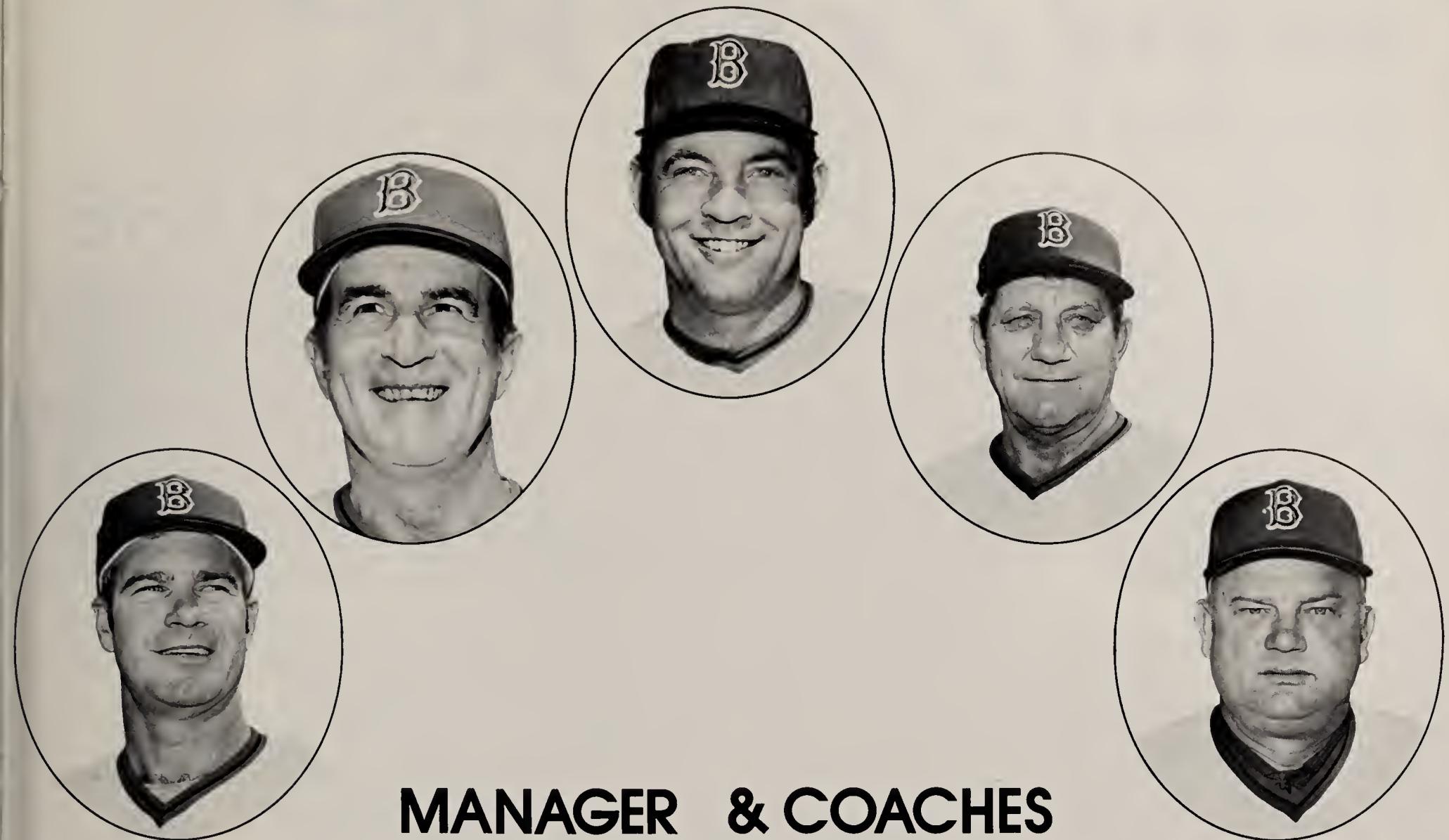
At times he had as many as six potential starters hoping to work in regular rotation. His rotation for most of the season was Luis Tiant, Bill Lee, Roger Moret and Wise. But, Reggie Cleveland and Dick Pole were crowding the others for starting assignments. Instead of allowing that situation to become a headache, Johnson used it to his advantage by constantly juggling his pitching assignments.

Now, in his second year of managing in the major leagues, Johnson has finished on top. He has one of the youngest teams in the league, and there is every reason to believe the Red Sox will remain contenders or champions for several years.

At age 48, Johnson has a bright future ahead of him in baseball. He played seven years in the majors, but never achieved stardom. Five seasons of minor league managing polished Johnson's style and gave him the opportunity he cherished so much to manage in the major leagues.

Last year was a bitter disappointment to Johnson, even if he won't admit it. But, the rewards of 1975 should go a long way toward erasing the bitter memories of 1974.

Johnson broke in a number of fine young players this year, and won the divisional championship at the same time. Winning with a flock of young players is the ultimate goal of any manager. Darrell Johnson achieved that goal in 1975.



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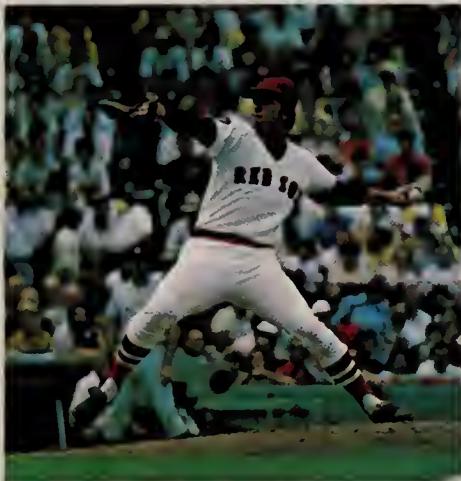
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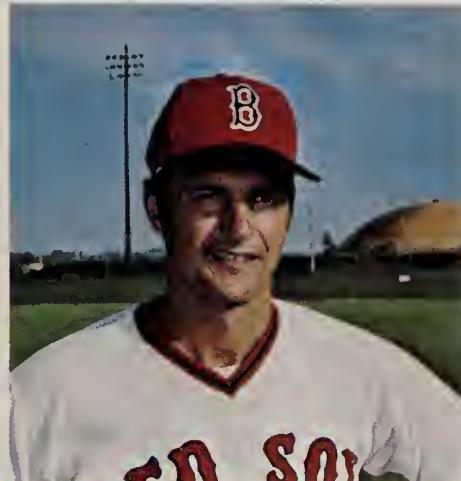
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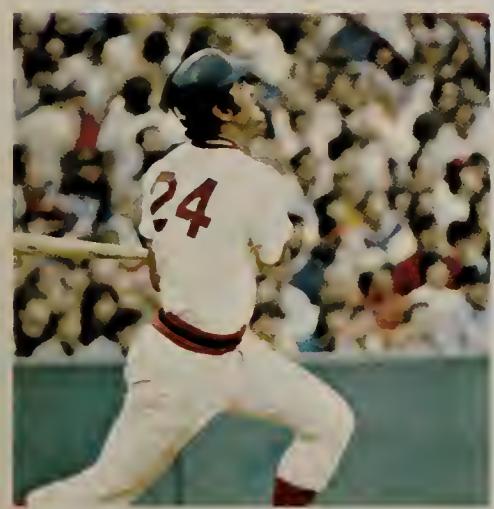


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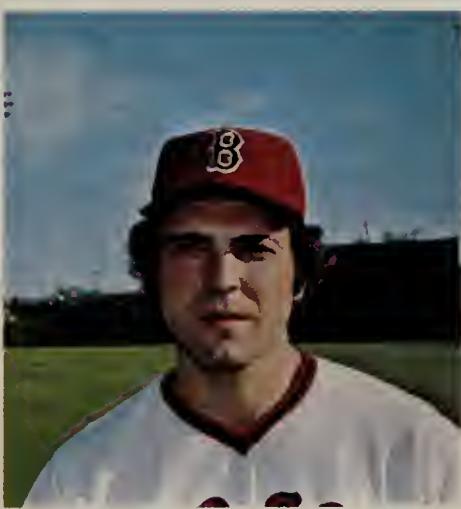


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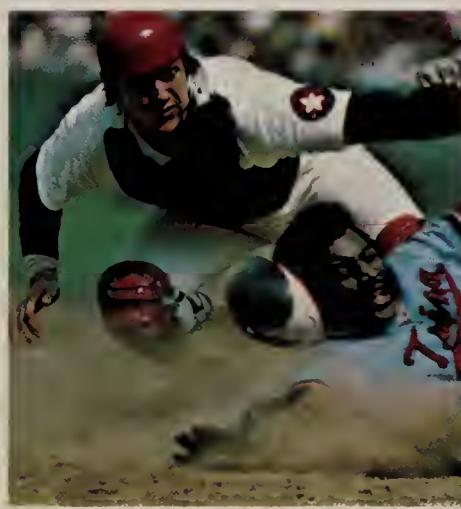
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Expo Manager Gene Mauch (left) chats with Gary Carter before latter goes to bat.

Montreal Expos

The Montreal Expos' youth development program moved into high gear this year.

No fewer than four rookies—Gary Carter, Larry Parrish, Pete Mackanin and Dan Warthen—and a near-rookie, Pepe Mangual, became regulars.

"That's what 1975 was all about," Manager Gene Mauch said in reference to the development of these and other young players. "We had made up our minds that they were going to play and they did everything that we expected of them—quite possibly more."

Ignoring whatever pressure arises from playing the role of budding superstars, Carter and Parrish, both 21, performed with aplomb. Carter played right field, a position relatively new to him, and backed up Barry Foote behind the plate, a position he prefers. Parrish showed great poise at third base, which was expected, and refined a solid hitting approach.

Carter's selection to the mid-season National League All-Star team, and the fact that both Carter and Parrish piled up impressive vote totals as write-in candidates in the All-Star election, marked a fine endorsement of the club's youth movement.

Mackanin, 24, became the club's regular second baseman and Mangual, 23, the regular centerfielder. Warthen, 22, sparkled in relief, and later as a starter, after being called up from the minors.

Meanwhile, other young players, notably Steve Rogers, continued to progress. Rogers, 25, was the mainstay of the pitching staff. The Expos count heavily on Rogers for the future as they do with Foote, 23, and two other 1975 sophomores—pitchers Dale Murray, 25, and Dennis Blair, 21.

There were solid contributions from older players, too. Lefthander Woodie Fryman, obtained in an off-season trade, established a club record with a string of 32½ scoreless innings early in the season and provided yeoman service throughout the year, both as a starter and in relief. Outfielder Larry Biittner hit better than .300. Jose Morales had an outstanding year as a pinch-hitter.



Felix Millan, Mets' second baseman, leaps to avoid spikes of Astro runner on force play.



Slugging Greg Luzinski displays power that earned him nickname of "The Bull."

New York Mets

The 1975 Mets represented a lot of new and lot of news. Trace it to Joe McDonald, whose Algeresque rise from one-time club statistician to Met general manager was climaxed on October 1 of last year.

McDonald skillfully altered the structure of the Shea troupe with a succession of bold moves that resulted in unprecedented Met batting and bench strength. And then an incredible shopping tour of the minor league bargain counters virtually restored a deteriorated bullpen to its former eminence.

Twice the press dusted off obituary notices after deficits of 10½ games (July 15) and 9½ (August 5). But each time the Mets bounced back with what Roy McMillan, who succeeded Yogi Berra at the helm on August 6, labeled "the fighting character of this club."

Tom Seaver stood tall as the team's leader. He not only returned to the 20-victory circle, but also made history as the first pitcher to record eight consecutive seasons of 200 or more strikeouts. It was a remarkable swing from his 11-11 mark a year earlier, when a damaged sciatic nerve shrouded his career in apprehension.

Jon Matlack made his contribution in a style reminiscent of his 1972 Rookie of the Year pace.

Dave Kingman became the most explosive agent ever to wear Met pinstripes as he made a strong run at the home-run title until a toe injury sidelined him. Elder statesman Ed Kranepool yielded not one second to Father Time in this, his most productive campaign. Felix Millan ranked among the league's top hit producers, while Rusty Staub enjoyed the first 100-RBI season of his career. Del Unser became the Mets' most dependable centerfielder ever, and Jerry Grote again was the team's No. 1 competitor.

Mike Vail, rookie outfielder called up in August, produced the season's longest hitting streak—23 games—and in the process tied the N.L. rookie record and the Mets' club mark.

Philadelphia Phillies

The biggest improvement in the National League's Eastern Division in both 1973 and 1974 came from the Philadelphia Phillies, and this year Danny Ozark's young club continued that trend.

Following a third-place finish in 1974, the club's highest in ten years, the Phillies were rated one of the top contenders for the N.L. title. In May their chances were enhanced by two major trades. The deals added Dick Allen, Johnny Oates and Garry Maddox and subtracted only one player the club was counting on, Willie Montanez.

The moves gave the Phillies one of the strongest lineups in the majors: An infield of Allen, Dave Cash, Larry Bowa and Mike Schmidt, an outfield of Greg Luzinski, Maddox and veterans Jay Johnstone and Ollie Brown in right field, and Bob Boone and Oates doing the catching.

Power, speed and defense, the Phillies had them all. Allen and Schmidt led their respective leagues in home runs in 1974 and this year Schmidt repeated as home-run king while Luzinski took RBI honors. As a club, the Phils ranked near the top of the league offensively. Defensively, they were sparked by the double-play combination of Bowa and Cash and Maddox in center-field.

"This club is just like the Pirates. Two really good hitters leading off, then power hitters three through seven. You can't make mistakes," commented the Dodgers' Andy Messersmith following an August effort against the Phils.

Unfortunately, the Phillies' pitching failed to match their power. The club's No. 1 and No. 2 draft picks of 1972, righthander Larry Christenson and lefty Tom Underwood, joined two former Cy Young Award winners, Steve Carlton and Jim Lonborg, and Dick Ruthven in the starting rotation. And Paul Owens, director of player personnel, acquired Tug McGraw, Gene Garber and Tom Hilgendorf to bolster the bullpen.

But while the Phillies made an exciting race of it, they fell short down the stretch.





Switch-hitting Ted Simmons of Cardinals displays powerful swing from right side.

St. Louis Cardinals

Ted Simmons and Al Hrabosky teamed up to make last winter interesting for Cardinal fans on their radio show and then kept St. Louis fans excited the past season with their on-the-field exploits. Their performances proved instrumental in the Cardinals' late-season bid for the division flag.

Simmons, Hrabosky and their Redbird mates really got hot in the midst of the torrid St. Louis summer. Simmons, who took up transcendental meditation and took off 20 pounds, batted a combined .394 during the months of June and July, including a torrid .417 in July. The splurge projected him into the thick of the race for the batting title.

Hrabosky, who has been stepping behind the mound to psyche himself the last two seasons, started 1975 the way he left off the year before. At one point The Mad Hungarian tied for the league high with an eight-game winning streak, and during the month of July he was 6-0 with three saves and an 0.43 ERA.

The entire Cardinal team seemed to come alive in August following the hot July performances by Simmons and Hrabosky. The Redbirds began the month ten games behind the division-leading Pirates, but used a team effort to win 16 of their next 23 games and close the gap.

A good blend of experienced veterans like Lou Brock, Reggie Smith, Willie Davis and Ron Fairly together with youngsters like Bake McBride, Mike Tyson, Lynn McGlothen and others made the Cardinals' drive possible. Another big contributor down the stretch was veteran Bob Gibson. After a 12-strikeout performance in the season opener, Gibby experienced difficulties and in midseason was assigned to the bullpen, ending his record streak of 303 consecutive starting assignments. In the stretch drive, he delivered several great relief efforts which, St. Louis fans hoped, might prove to be prophetic. His last relief victory prior to 1975, you see, came in the Cards' 1964 pennant clincher.



Slick-fielding Tito Fuentes makes play at second base for Padres.

San Diego Padres

When Ray Kroc purchased the San Diego franchise early in 1974, he announced a three-year plan for the Padres.

His first season would be a get-acquainted one, the second would see the Padres move out of the Western Division cellar and the third would find the club becoming a resident of the first division and a contender.

With the second year now completed, the Padres appear right on schedule. They finished out of the cellar for the first time in their seven-year history and made some serious noises.

For the second successive season attendance in San Diego made news as the club made a real run at 1.3 million. The Padres experienced their first sellouts in history, several times attracting standing-room-only crowds in excess of 50,000.

On the field, the big name was lefthander Randy Jones, who rebounded from a disastrous 1974 campaign when he lost 22 games to become a serious contender for the prestigious Cy Young Award. Jones set club records for shutouts and victories and led the National League in earned-run average while ranking among the leaders in victories, shutouts and complete games.

Infielders Tito Fuentes and Hector Torres were a pair of pleasant surprises. Fuentes, acquired from San Francisco, stepped in at second base and led the club to one of its finest fielding seasons plus helping San Diego to turn a near club record number of double plays.

The word on Torres when he made the club as a free agent was that he would be a late-inning defensive replacement. However, when given a chance to play regularly, he became one of the Padres' steadiest hitters.

Injuries hampered key hitters John Grubb, Dave Winfield and Willie McCovey. Despite the setbacks, Grubb still hit close to .280 and Winfield and McCovey led the team in the home run and RBI power categories.



Rookie ace John Montefusco uncorks fireball enroute to another victory for Giants.

San Francisco Giants

With a revamped team that included many new faces, the San Francisco Giants made progress this year by climbing from a dismal fifth in 1974 to the first division. Four regulars acquired in trades—Bobby Murcer, Willie Montanez, Derrel Thomas and Von Joshua—keyed the rise.

Wes Westrum's pitching staff underwent an even greater transformation. His starting rotation featured rookies John "The Count" Montefusco and Pete Falcone along with sophomore Ed Halicki, who hurled a no-hitter against the Mets on August 24, and veteran Jim Barr. Another pair of rookies Gary Lavelle and Dave Heaverlo, joined veterans Randy Moffitt and Charlie Williams in the bullpen.

Murcer, acquired from the Yankees in the celebrated trade for Bobby Bonds, stabilized the Giant lineup and, along with Montanez and Chris Speier, lent leadership to the youngest team in the majors. Montanez, obtained from Philadelphia a month into the season, solidified the troublesome first base position and provided a consistent run-producing bat.

Two major injuries hampered the Giants. John D'Acquisto, who set San Francisco records for a rookie pitcher in strikeouts and victories in 1974, underwent elbow surgery in June and was lost for the balance of the season. And outfielder Gary Matthews was sidelined for seven weeks—from June 1 to July 18—with a broken thumb. During his absence the Giants became vulnerable to lefthanded pitching and dropped from three games behind Cincinnati to 19 lengths back.

Joshua was a tremendous surprise, ranking among the league's top ten hitters all year. Thomas was integrally involved in the offense as No. 2 hitter and combined well with Speier on defense.

Speier enjoyed his best campaign ever and perhaps the finest all-around season of any shortstop in baseball. Chris set an RBI record for San Francisco shortstops while also sparkling afield as usual.

A high point of the season was a four-game sweep of the defending champion Dodgers at Candlestick Park late in June. It was the Giants' first four-game series sweep over Los Angeles since 1964.



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The World Series this year comes as the nation marks the 200th anniversary of another of its great institutions—the United States Navy.

Few events could better serve to celebrate this milestone. Uniquely American, the Series shares with the Navy a pride in tradition and a rich history—complete with events and heroes that have become part of the American legend.

Baseball has always enjoyed a special place in the hearts of Navymen, from the first bluejacket to stuff a ball and glove into his seabag to the subsequent generations of sailors who have carried our National Pastime to the far corners of the earth.

But the connection goes deeper than that. Some of those who once wore the Navy blue were soon to trade homeport for home plate, and the quarterdeck for the on-deck circle. And some made history—in the World Series.

A roll-call of some of these Navy veterans easily covers each baseball position and suggests an awesome World Series lineup.

So harken to muster, mates, as we present the first all-time, all-Navy World Series All-Star team:

Playing FIRST BASE, Johnny Mize (New York Yankees, 1949-1953). In the 1949 World Series, Mize's pinch-hit appearances helped the Bronx Bombers hand the Brooklyn Dodgers a four-games-to-one drubbing. In 1952, again against the Dodgers, Mize took the Series spotlight by batting .500 with three home runs, one in a pinch-hitting role, and six runs batted in.

Our SECOND BASEMAN is Charley Gehringer (Detroit Tigers, 1934-35, 1940). He had a magnificent Series in 1934, batting .379 and fielding brilliantly. One year later he hit .375 in the fall classic.

SHORTSTOP on the all-Navy World Series team belongs to Harold "Pee Wee" Reese (Brooklyn Dodgers, 1941, 1947, 1949, 1952-53, 1955-56). A clutch performer, Pee Wee batted over .300 in three Series, including .345 in 1952 against the Yankees.

THIRD BASE goes to Harry "Cookie" Lavagetto (Brooklyn Dodgers, 1941, 1947). He had what is perhaps the most dramatic hit in World Series play. In the fourth game of the 1947 Series, Yankee pitcher Bill Bevens was one out away from a no-hitter when Lavagetto, as a pinch-hitter, boomed a double off the right field wall at Ebbets Field to score two runs and give the Dodgers a 3-2 victory.

NAVY- 200 YEARS



Bob Feller (center) being sworn into Navy in December 1941 by Lt. Com. Gene Tunney (right), former world's heavyweight boxing champion. At left is Lt. David Goldenson, recruiting officer.

The CATCHER for our all-Navy team is Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra, who appeared in 14 World Series with the New York Yankees from 1947 to 1963. Yogi, who was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972, played in more World Series than any player and set or equalled a gloveful of records.

In the OUTFIELD are Tris Speaker (Boston Red Sox, 1912, 1915; Cleveland Indians, 1920), George "Duffy" Lewis (Boston Red Sox, 1912, 1915-16) and Stan "The Man" Musial (St. Louis Cardinals, 1942-44, 1946). Speaker batted .300 in the 1912 Series, had several key hits in 1915 and then batted .320 in the 1920 classic. Lewis batted .444 in the 1915 Series, while Musial, one of the game's premier hitters, helped the Cardinals defeat their crosstown rivals, the St. Louis Browns, in 1944 by hitting .304 with one home run.

The starting PITCHER for this squad of Navy stars would be Rapid Robert Feller (Cleveland Indians, 1948). While this Hall of Fame great never won a World Series game, he figured in one of the most exciting games in the fall classic. A disputed decision on a pickoff play in the opening game of the 1948 Series led to the only run as the Braves and Johnny Sain beat Feller, 1-0, despite Bob's two-hit effort.

As MANAGER of this group of stars, who would be more fitting than "The Old Perfessor" himself, Charles Dillon "Casey" Stengel! As a player, Casey hit .364, .400 and .417 in three Series for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants, and as a manager he led the Yankees to ten American League pennants and seven World Championships. He's another Navy veteran who left a permanent mark on baseball.

And the list goes on: Walter "Rabbit" Maranville, Richard "Rube" Marquard, Howard Ehmke, Wilfred "Rosy" Ryan, Herb Pennock, Burleigh Grimes, Gene Bearden, Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto, Urban "Red" Faber and Bob Lemon, to name a few, also lent greatness to the World Series and served their country in the Navy.

Thus, as the Navy marks its 200th birthday, baseball joins with other Americans in saluting the sea service and acknowledging, in particular, its contributions to our National Pastime.

In war and peace, in this century and the last, the men who go down to the sea in ships have taken our great sport with them, and helped bring a special slice of Americana to different parts of the world. And, of course, the "Hot Stove League" has always flourished at sea as sailors have traditionally defended their favorites with the same kind of vigor used to defend our nation.

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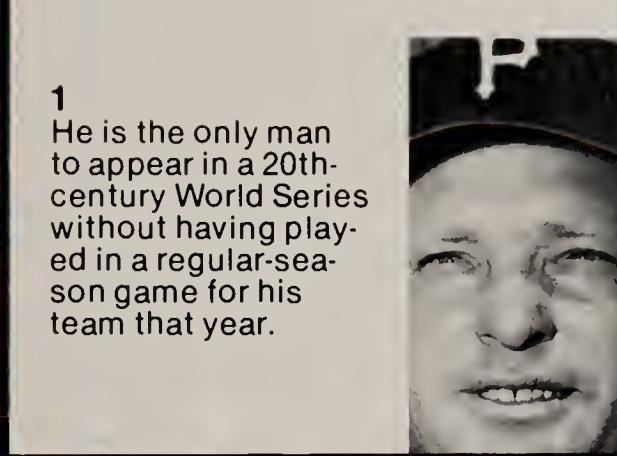
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At age 18, he batted .333 in a seven-game World Series while becoming the youngest player ever to participate in the fall classic.



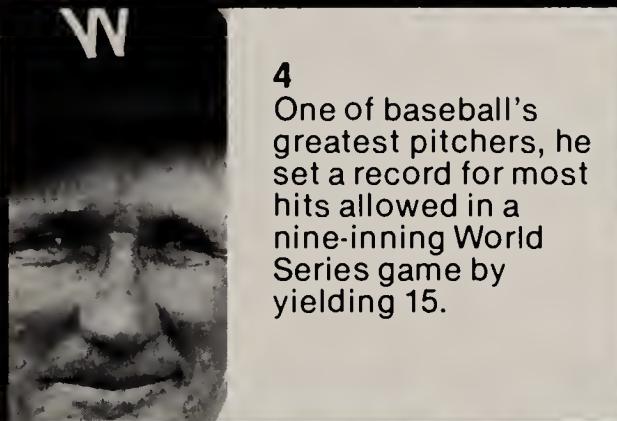
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Speed was hardly his forte, yet he rates as the last player up to this year's classic to steal home during a World Series game.



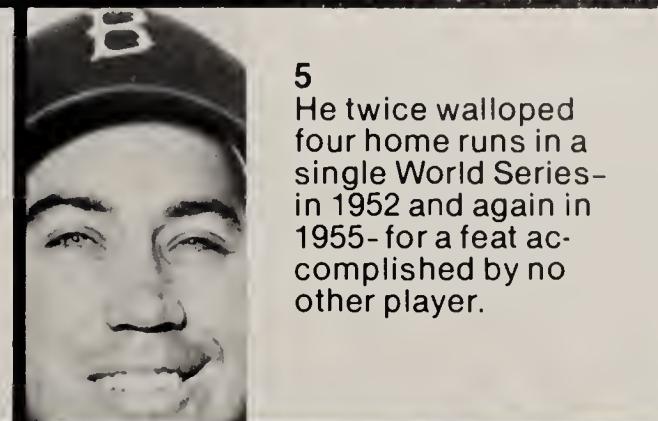
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Although not generally known as a slugger, he established the record for most runs batted in during a World Series game with six.



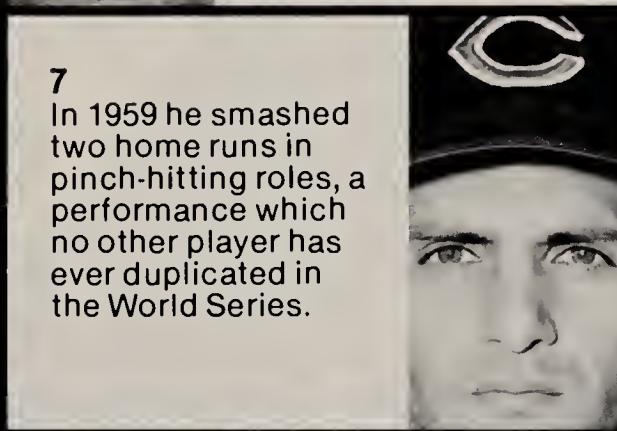
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He is the only man to appear in a 20th-century World Series without having played in a regular-season game for his team that year.



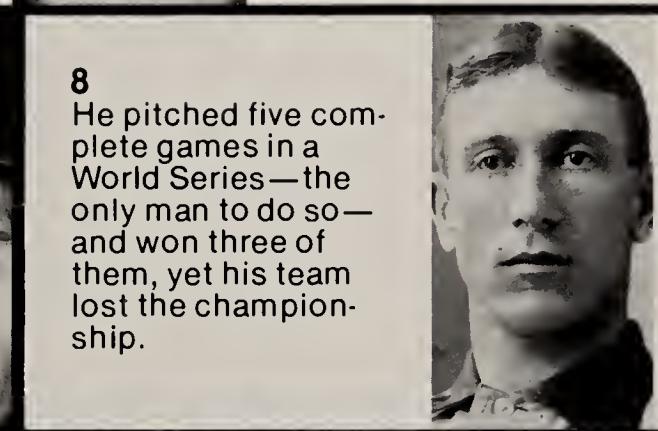
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One of baseball's greatest pitchers, he set a record for most hits allowed in a nine-inning World Series game by yielding 15.



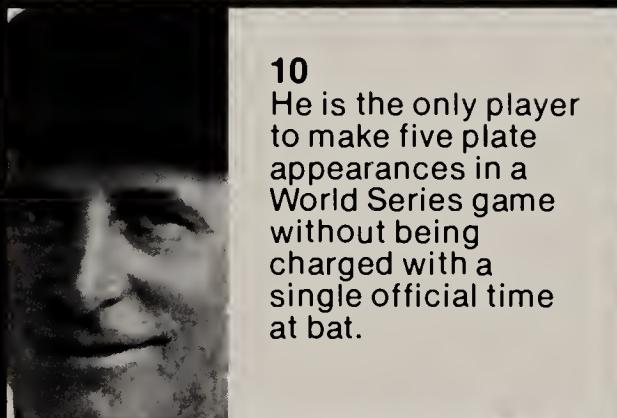
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While many have topped his .245 World Series batting average, he hit safely in more successive Series games (17) than any player.



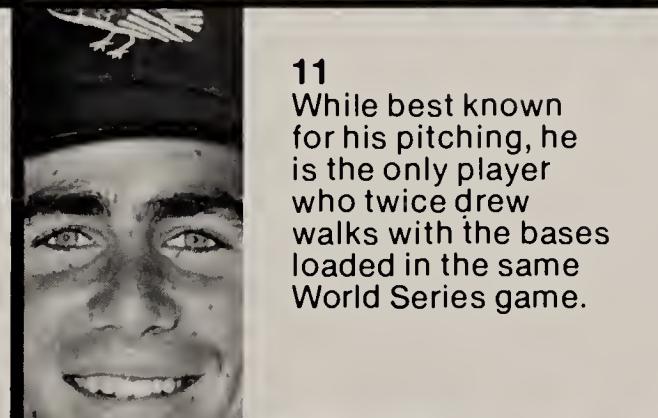
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In 1959 he smashed two home runs in pinch-hitting roles, a performance which no other player has ever duplicated in the World Series.



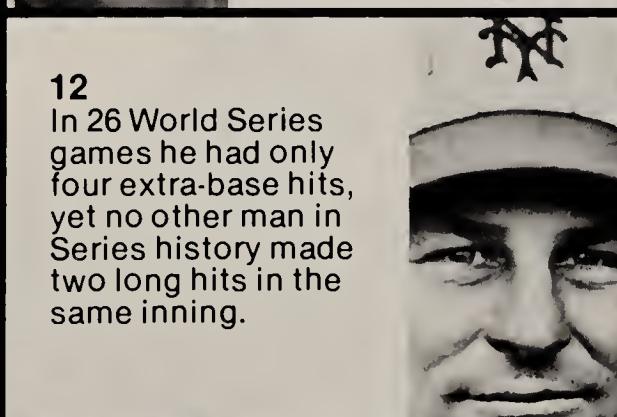
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He pitched five complete games in a World Series—the only man to do so—and won three of them, yet his team lost the championship.



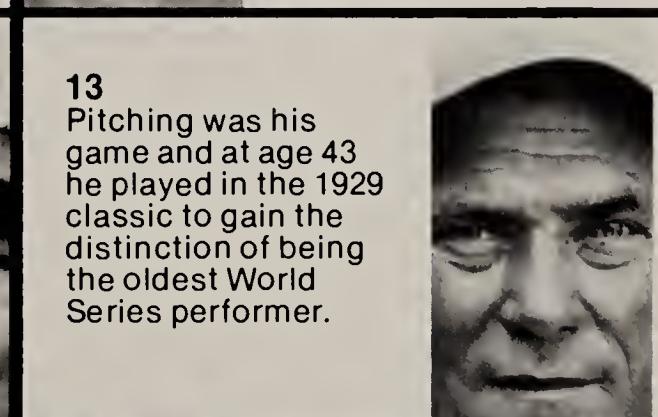
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He is the only player to make five plate appearances in a World Series game without being charged with a single official time at bat.



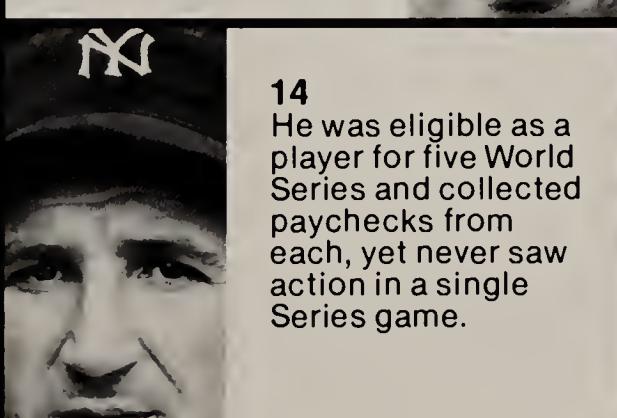
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While best known for his pitching, he is the only player who twice drew walks with the bases loaded in the same World Series game.



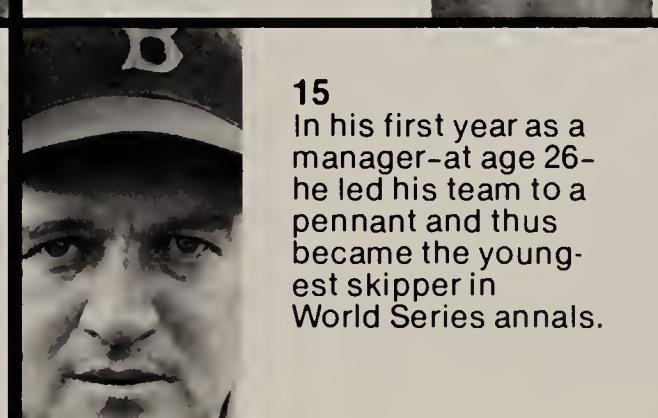
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In 26 World Series games he had only four extra-base hits, yet no other man in Series history made two long hits in the same inning.



13
Pitching was his game and at age 43 he played in the 1929 classic to gain the distinction of being the oldest World Series performer.



14
He was eligible as a player for five World Series and collected paychecks from each, yet never saw action in a single Series game.



15
In his first year as a manager—at age 26—he led his team to a pennant and thus became the youngest skipper in World Series annals.

Answers to World Series Quiz

- 15-Joe Cronin, Washington Senators, 1933
- 14-Arndt Jorgens, New York Yankees
- 13-Jack Duhin, Philadelphia Athletics
- 12-Ross Youngs, New York Giants, 1921
- 11-Jim Palmer, Baltimore Orioles, 1971
- 10-Fred Clarke, Pittsburgh Pirates, 1909
- 9-Buddy Richardson, New York Yankees, 1960
- 8-Deacon Phillippe, Pittsburgh Pirates, 1903
- 7-Chuck Essegian, Los Angeles Dodgers
- 6-Tim McCarver, St. Louis Cardinals, 1964
- 5-Duke Snider, Brooklyn Dodgers
- 4-Walter Johnson, Washington Senators, 1925
- 3-Fred Lindstrom, New York Yankees
- 2-Hank Bauer, New York Yankees
- 1-Clyde McCullough, Chicago Cubs, 1945

In baseball, as in other sports, today's rookie very well could be tomorrow's superstar.

The transition, of course, does not occur overnight—or even from one season to the next. But many recruits start so promisingly that it is quickly evident they are destined for greatness.

Both major leagues have accelerated the accent on youth in recent years. The result has been the introduction of many exciting new players, some of whom certainly will go on to become superstars.

Consider, for example, the all-star team that could be formed in the American League of players who still were 25 years of age or under at the close of the past season.

Eight outfielders with terrific speed and power head the list, starting with the Red Sox' two prize rookies—

Fred Lynn, 23, and Jim Rice, 22.

Both ranked among the league leaders in batting average, home runs and RBIs. Add in last year's Most Valuable Player, Jeff Burroughs of Texas, who at 24 continued his lusty slugging, and Oakland's Claudell Washington, just 21, who ranked among the leading hitters and base-stealers.

Other rising young stars among A.L. outfielders are Dave Collins, 22, of California; Detroit's Ron LeFlore, 23, and a duo from Cleveland, George Hendrick, 25, and Rick Manning, 21.

There would be batting strength at first base on this dream team of youngsters with John Mayberry of Kansas City and Mike Hargrove of Texas, both 25. Mayberry literally tore the league apart with his power hitting during the second half. Hargrove, last year's Rookie of the Year, established himself as a .300 hitter.

Second base would be well covered with Jorge Orta of the White Sox, 24, a solid .300 hitter, and California's Jerry Remy, 22, a stolen-base terror. Orta's

Chicago keystone partner, Bucky Dent, 23, ranks as a standout shortstop, while Robin Yount of Milwaukee, who just turned 20 in September, would also qualify for that position. Top candidates for third base include Kansas City's George Brett, 22, and Dave Chalk, 25, of California, an All-Star Game selection both of his years in the majors.

Catchers for the A.L. team of young stars would figure to be Darrell Porter, 23, of Milwaukee, a power hitter, and Chicago's Brian Downing, 25, a clutch hitter and base-stealing threat.

Two of the league's outstanding young starting pitchers this year had yet to reach their twenty-fifth birthday when the season ended. They were California's Frank Tanana, 22, who broke the A.L. one-game strikeout record for lefties (17) and battled all year to win the major league strikeout crown, and Bert Blyleven, 24 who already

holds the Minnesota Twins' shutout record. An excellent starting foursome could be rounded out with Cleveland's Dennis Eckersley, just turned 21, and Baltimore's Ross Grimsley, an established 25-year-old lefty.

For relief stoppers, the White Sox could provide righthander Rich Gosage, 24, and lefthander Terry Forster, 23, who has been clocked as the fifth-fastest pitcher ever to be timed.

This is the American League's 25-man dream team of players 25 years of age or younger. And there are many, many more. What a future for the League.

The National League also boasts a wealth of exciting young talent. Among the new crop, there is a little of everything—speed, power, pitching and defense.

Young Stars Brighten Majors' Scene

Like the junior circuit, the N.L. has an unusually large number of standout outfielders in the 25-and-under group. The Philadelphia Phillies' great home-run hitter, Greg Luzinski, who won't be 25 until November; Cesar Cedeno of Houston, 24, and either Bill Buckner of Los Angeles or Gary Matthews of San Francisco, both 25, would constitute a fine all-star outfield. Though young in age, all are veterans in terms of experience.

Others who would give them a battle for flychasing berths are big Dave Parker of Pittsburgh and Dave Winfield of San Diego, both 24; Ken Griffey of Cincinnati, 25, and Greg Gross of Houston, 23.

Except for first base, where most clubs employed veterans this year, the senior circuit also could field an unusually strong young infield. Third baseman Bill Madlock of the Chicago Cubs, the league's batting champion, is 24, as is the St. Louis Cardinals' hot corner guardian, Ken Reitz, while Larry Parrish of Montreal is only 22.

A pair of shortstops, Chris Speier of San Francisco and Montreal's Tim Foli, have nearly ten years of big league warfare between them and are considered veterans, but Speier is just 25 and Foli is a year younger. For

second base, the Pirates would offer Rennie Stennett, 23, who is not only a slick fielder but a solid hitter.

In the catching department, Milt May of Houston has been in the National League since 1970, yet is merely 25. Two other young receivers to watch in the future are Marc Hill, 23, of San Francisco and Montreal's 21-year-old Gary Carter, who is a natural catcher but also saw a lot of action in the outfield.

If the list of young stars in the regular, everyday positions looks bright, the league's pitching prospects could be even better. In fact, the National League is loaded with young pitching talent.

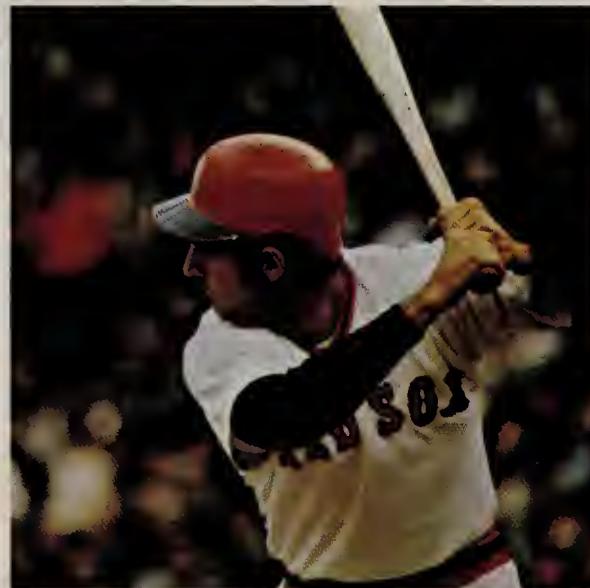
Jon Matlack of the New York Mets, a "veteran" at age 25, heads the field. Another established southpaw, Cincinnati's Don Gullett, is 24, while Lynn McGlothen of the St. Louis Cardinals, at 25, is another of the league's leading hurlers.

San Diego's Randy Jones, 25, bounced back from being a 22-game loser in 1975 to rank among the N.L.'s top winners this year. Burt Hooton of Los Angeles and Steve Rogers of Montreal also are just beginning to make their marks at 25.

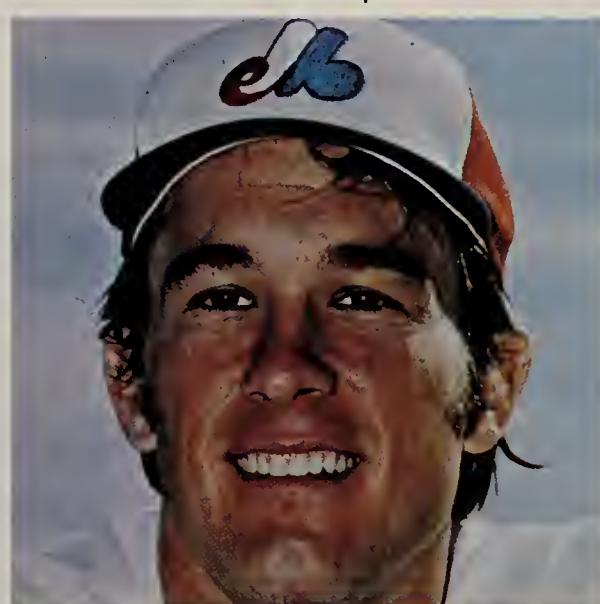
The San Francisco Giants have a quartet with unlimited potential—John "Count" Montefusco and no-hit ace Ed Halicki, both 25; John D'Acquisto, 23, and Pete Falcone, 22. The Phillies boast a dynamite pair in Tom Underwood and Larry Christenson, both of whom will be 22 later this year.

The Cincinnati Reds' bullpen "kidie corps" of Will McEnaney, 23, and Rawly Eastwick, 25, helped give the club one of the best relief staffs in the game. And the Pirates found that 6-7 John Candelaria, 21, was just what they needed to improve their pitching after calling him up in mid-season.

While the established superstars and near-greats of both leagues continue to carry their load, some of these rising young stars already have begun pressing them for top honors—and more will do so in the years ahead.



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ALL-STAR GAME

In July of 1955, St. Louis Cardinal great Stan Musial sent the 45,643 fans in Milwaukee's County Stadium into an uproar with a twelfth-inning home run that enabled the National League to win the twenty-second annual All-Star Game, 6-5.

Earlier this summer, on July 15, the twentieth anniversary season of that historic occasion, the forty-sixth All-Star classic appropriately returned to the scene of the '55 excitement. And again the National League wound up on top, 6-3, with a thrilling ninth-inning rally.

Despite the obvious similarities many things changed in that 20-year span:

★ In 1975 Musial was again on the National League bench, but this time in the role of his league's Honorary Captain. Mickey Mantle, the American League hero of the 1955 game with a three-run homer in the first inning, was Musial's counterpart in the American League dugout.

★ Twenty years ago the Braves were the occupants of County Stadium and the hosts for the All-Star extravaganza. In '75 the Braves were in Atlanta and the American League Brewers

called the park home.

★ The only player spanning the two All-Star games, as well as the '55 Braves and '75 Brewers, was Hank Aaron. Other names of yesteryear—Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, Ted Kluszewski and Ernie Banks—were a memory. They are now replaced in the minds of baseball fans by Rod Carew, Catfish Hunter, Johnny Bench, Tom Seaver, Lou Brock and Reggie Jackson.

★ In '55 Carew was not quite ten years old. In Milwaukee this year he was an All-Star starter and the leading votegetter (3,165,614) in the Gillette-sponsored fan balloting which saw a record 7.3 million All-Star votes cast. He was also on the receiving end of the ceremonial first pitch thrown by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger—the occasion celebrating the fact that both men are graduates of George Washington High School in New York City.

★ After the leagues met in the '55 All-Star contest, the American League had won 13 of 22 games played. By winning the '75 contest, the National League notched its twelfth victory in the last 13 contests and gained its twenty-seventh win overall compared to 18 losses and one tie.



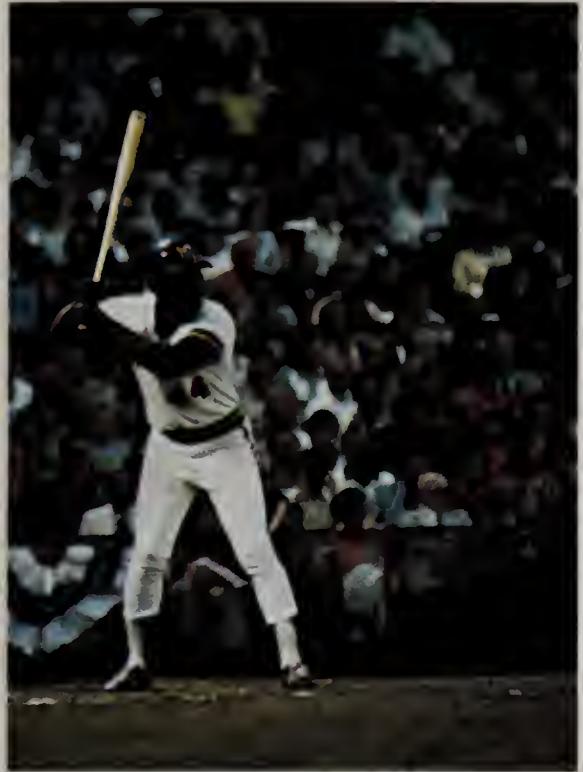
Honorary Captains Stan Musial (left) and Mickey Mantle conferring before start of 1975 All-Star Game.

The interesting evolution of two decades changed some things. But the enthusiasm and community effort of the city's baseball fans were the same the second time around. A record Milwaukee crowd of 51,480 attested to that fact.

While the '55 matchup was an extra-inning thriller, this year's game was not without its own brand of excitement. It was a game of spurts, ending in the exciting ninth-inning rally by the National League.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (second from left) looks on as Commissioner Bowie Kuhn (second from right) presents All-Star Game MVP trophy to co-winners Bill Madlock (left) and Jon Matlack.



Hank Aaron in role of pinch-hitter for American League.

The Nationals got off to an early lead in the second inning as Los Angeles Dodgers Steve Garvey and Jimmy Wynn clouted back-to-back home runs off Oakland's Vida Blue. Wynn's blast was the 100th four-bagger in All-Star history. Babe Ruth had hit the first one in the initial All-Star Game in 1933.

In the third inning, Cincinnati's Johnny Bench padded the lead with a run-scoring single, making it 3-0.

The American League bats were silenced in the first five innings by N.L. starter Jerry Reuss of Pittsburgh and Los Angeles' Don Sutton. But with two out and two runners on base in the

sixth, pinch-hitter Carl Yastrzemski of Boston lifted a Tom Seaver pitch into the right-center field bullpen to tie the score.

After Yastrzemski's equalizer, the A.L. offense was stilled. The New York Mets' Jon Matlack entered the game in relief of teammate Seaver in the seventh inning and shut the door on the Americans. In two innings, he gave up only two hits and fanned four. By virtue of his fine pitching, Matlack got credit for the victory and was the co-recipient of the Commissioner's Trophy as Most Valuable Player. The other half of the MVP combination, Chicago Cub Bill Madlock, waited until the ninth to provide his heroics.

At the All-Star break Madlock was the National League's leading batsman. Chosen for his first All-Star Game, he continued in Milwaukee where he left off in Chicago.

In the top of the ninth inning with nobody out and the bases loaded with National Leaguers, Madlock delivered the key hit. He smashed a single off Rich Gossage of the Chicago White Sox (who had relieved losing pitcher Catfish Hunter), sending home the two go-ahead runs. Pete Rose drove in the Nationals' sixth run moments later with a sacrifice fly, but Madlock's hit turned out to be the clincher as San Diego Padre Randy Jones set the Americans down in order in the ninth.

As usual, the All-Star rosters were filled with baseball's greatest names. But when all was said and done, it was the young, talented, tongue-twisting duo of Matlack and Madlock who proved to be the heroes. And in light of the '55 heroics of Musial and Mantle, it seemed appropriate for another M-M combination to sparkle in Milwaukee's All-Star Game revisited.



Jim Wynn receives glad hand from National League teammates following his second-inning home run.

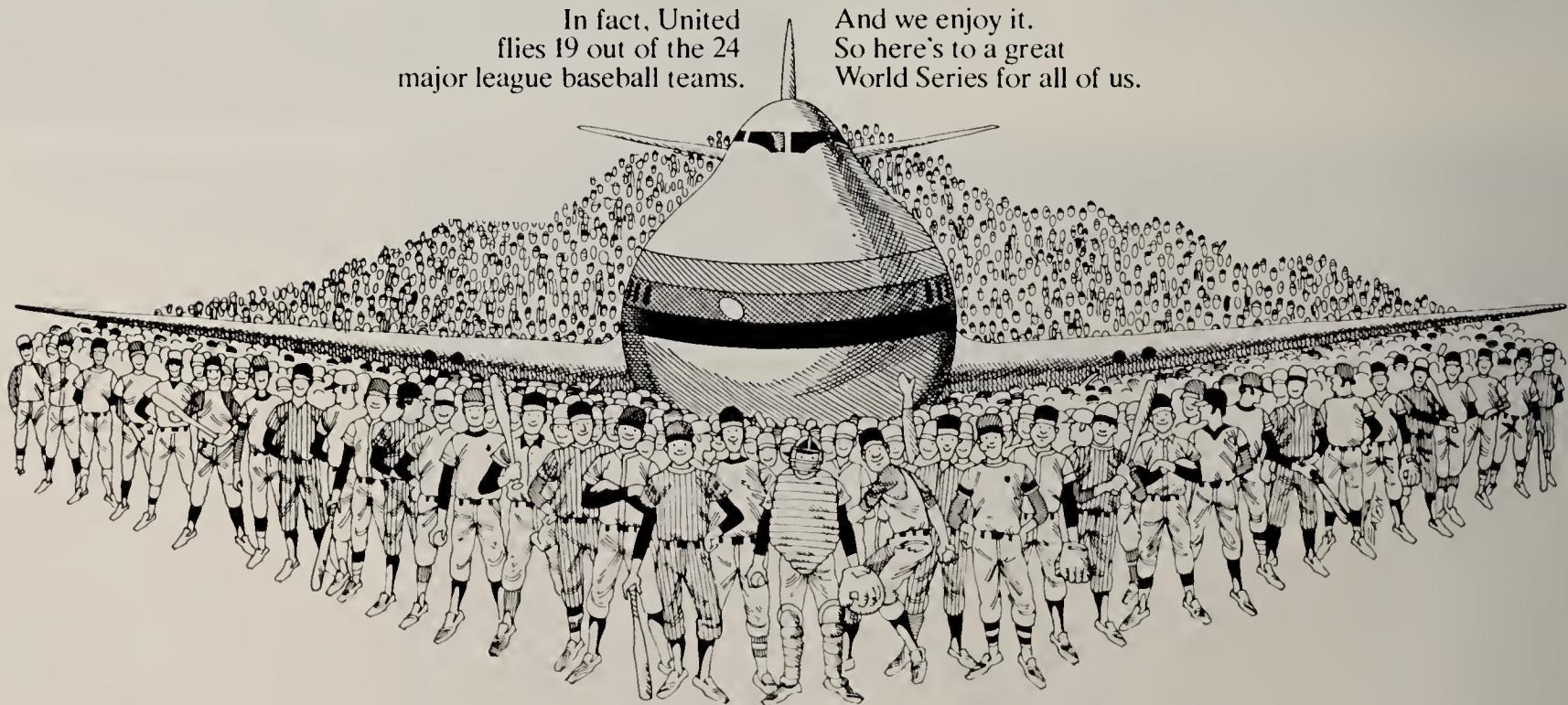


Carl Yastrzemski being congratulated by George Hendrick after rapping game-tying three-run homer in sixth inning.

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IN THE BEGINNING

Nineteen hundred and ten was a baseball year to remember. Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics conquered the Chicago Cubs in five games for their first World Series triumph. Fans around the country followed the action by a unique play-by-play system as telegraph operators at the ballparks wired accounts of the play in Morse code to Western Union centers. These accounts were used to depict the action on large, electronic devices shaped in the form of a baseball diamond, usually situated in public squares. Every move of a runner or path of a batted ball was replayed on these scoreboards.

Today, 65 years later, television brings the World Series to far corners of the world. But this global coverage would not have been possible without the assistance and support of a number of key baseball sponsors. Three of them, The Gillette Company, Chrysler and NBC, have made unique contributions through the years that have helped make the World Series the most widely watched sports attraction on television.

1910 also was the year that baseball and Gillette first formed a "double-play" friendship that's going stronger than ever after 65 years. Back then, baseball greats like Hugh Jennings, Honus Wagner, John McGraw and Frank Chance first praised the "clean and cool Gillette shave that kept their faces smooth and fit through the sun and wind of the season's race for the American and National League pennants."

In 1939, Gillette purchased the exclusive broadcasting rights to that season's World Series. Thus, when Commissioner Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis and Gillette President Joe Spang, Jr. signed the contract, Gillette, which had previously sponsored various sports events on radio, took another major step in helping to bring sporting events into the homes of fans around the country.

In 1943, Gillette added the All-Star Game to its list of baseball events, and when baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn returned the selection of the midseason classic's starting teams to the fans in 1970, baseball offered Gillette the opportunity to underwrite and promote the nationwide computerized fan election. Over the past six years more than 25.5 million All-Star ballots have been cast, with a record 7.3 million cast this season. In 1947, Gillette sponsored the first television coverage of a World Series game. Three New York stations, as well as all of the TV outlets along the Eastern Seaboard, televised the



Yankee-Dodger matchup that year.

Another first took place in 1952 when "Sharpie," Gillette's famous little parrot, made his TV debut during the opening game of the World Series. Today, there are few sports fans who fail to recognize the opening chimes of the Gillette March: "Look sharp, feel sharp, be sharp," which was introduced during the 1952 Series as well. Gillette's relationship with baseball goes back more than 70 years. You could call that a lifetime.

Chrysler and baseball have been a winning combination since the 1960 World Series. The giant automaker's yearly participation as a major sponsor of baseball telecasts has enabled multiple millions of fans to enjoy the competition and sheer artistry of the National Pastime as played by great athletes.

Baseball telecasts provide an opportunity to identify with the healthy, open competition that is the very essence of America, according to Chrysler Vice President Robert B. McCurry.

"Sports," he says, "are perhaps the ultimate example of people working together as a team, trying to do better... trying to achieve more."

"It may seem a bit old-fashioned, to some, but to us it is part of a commitment to make our choices with honesty and pride."

NBC's World Series announcers—Curt Gowdy (seated), Tony Kubek (left) and Joe Garagiola.



Commissioner K. M. Landis (seated, left) looks on as Joseph P. Spang, Jr., president of Gillette Safety Razor Co., signs contract giving Gillette sponsorship rights to 1939 World Series radio broadcasts. Standing are (left to right) Will Harridge, president of American League; Fred Weber, president of Mutual Broadcasting System; Bob Elson, World Series announcer, and Leslie O'Connor, Baseball's secretary-treasurer.

Chrysler has been a major sponsor of the "Game of the Week" telecasts since their inception. Similarly, they were among the first to support week night and league championship telecasts.

How times have changed! In 1947, when NBC-TV telecast its first World Series, there were only 150,000 television sets capable of receiving the NBC broadcasts. In 1975 there are just slightly under 70,000,000 TV homes in the United States—many with more than one television. And all are within the coverage limits of NBC-TV's network of 220 stations.

The NBC sports production team is covering the 1975 World Series for a total viewing audience that will exceed 100,000,000 persons. And on radio the Series will be carried throughout the United States, as well as being beamed to American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) affiliates the world over.

Through AFRTS the NBC radio network broadcasts will reach American civilian and military personnel stationed at bases and installations in Southeast Asia, Europe, The Philippines, Korea, The Canal Zone and Japan. Foreign language transmissions will also be fed to Canada (French) and Mexico, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Venezuela, The Dominican Republic, and other Caribbean and South American points.

Curt Gowdy, Joe Garagiola and Tony Kubek, along with announcer representatives from each of the two league champions, describe the action for both television and radio. Gowdy, who has done each World Series for NBC-TV since 1966 and was also part of the commentary crew for the 1964 fall classic, shares the play-by-play duties with Garagiola. Joe had four hits in one game in his only World Series as a 20-year-old rookie for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1946. Kubek, who hit two World Series home runs in the same game for the New York Yankees in 1957, provides the color.

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Nicholas Colosi - Born November 25, 1925 in Sicily, Italy. Height, 6:00. Weight, 175. Resides in Maspeth, N.Y. Formerly was captain of waiters at Copacabana in New York City and now works as special police officer in off-season. Started umpiring career in Florida State League in 1962. Moved up from International to National League in September 1968. Making World Series debut.



Lawrence Robert Barnett - Born January 3, 1945 in Nitro, W. Va. Height, 6:03. Weight, 190. Resides in Prospect, O. Was outstanding baseball, football and basketball player in high school. Became professional umpire at age 19 in Midwest League in 1964. Moved up to Texas League in 1966 and to American League in spring of 1969 when he was only 24. Appearing in first World Series.

David Leroy (Satch) Davidson - Born January 18, 1935 in London, O. Height, 6:02. Weight, 190. Resides in West Jefferson, O. Had brief trial as catcher with Pirates' Columbus (International) farm team in 1961. Turned to umpiring in New York-Penn League in 1966, worked in Eastern League in 1967-68 and joined National League in 1969. Chosen as World Series umpire for first time.



Arthur Frank Frantz - Born March 1, 1921 in Chicago, Ill. Height, 6:00. Weight, 205. Resides in Rochester, N.Y. Was Chicago city champion in ice skating, roller skating, horseshoes and ping pong. Played in minors from 1940 to 1953 as pitcher-infielder and also four years in semi-pro football. Began umpiring in 1958 and joined American League in 1969. Working his first World Series.

Richard Jack Stello - Born July 20, 1934 in Boston, Mass. Height, 5:11. Weight, 190. Resides in St. Petersburg, Fla. Launched umpiring career in Georgia-Florida League in 1963. After spending next two seasons in Texas League, he worked in International League from 1966 until promoted to National League in September 1968. Making his first appearance in a World Series.



George Patrick Maloney - Born February 28, 1928 in New York, N.Y. Height, 6:02. Weight, 190. Resides in Miami, Fla. Joined Navy at age 15 and served until 1946, winning five battle stars. Was also in Army from 1948 to 1952 when he broke in as umpire in Florida State League. Promoted from Pacific Coast League to American League at start of 1970 season. in World Series for first time.

Casey Stengel

"First up in the next inning, I came on swinging three bats like a Ty Cobb, and the crowd really gives it to me. I throw away two of the bats, take a bow, tip my hat, out flies the bird, who is now flying pretty good. Out of the Dodger bench comes Uncle Robbie who thinks the umpire should do something as I'm making a joke of the game. Says the umpire, 'Look, I always suspected this guy had bats in the belfry. What's wrong with lettin' him prove it?'"

Casey's delightful assault on the English language came to be known as Stengelese. Nowhere was it better demonstrated than during the United States Senate subcommittee on antitrust and monopoly hearings in July of 1958. Called upon as a witness, his answers to the Senators' questions left them baffled and bewildered. When he was excused they were still looking for the first direct answer.

"You want to know why the minors are in such financial straits?" he repeated. "I will tell you why. I don't think anybody can support a minor league when they see a great official, it would be just like if a great actor or actress came to town. If Greta Garbo came over there they would all go to see Greta Garbo but if you have a very poor team they are not going to watch you until you become great and the minor leagues now with radio and television they will not pay very much attention to minor league players."

Once when Sen. Estes Kefauver (Dem., Tenn.) asked why Stengel thought baseball should not be under legislation, he replied:

"I've always heard it could be done, but sometimes it don't always work."

"My opinion of baseball is that I've been in it for 48 years, there must be some good in it. It has been run cleaner than any business that was ever put out in 100 years, at the present time and the present company. You can retire at 50 and what organization in America allows you to retire at 50 and receive money? I don't happen to have children but I wish Mrs. Stengel and I had eight, I would like to put them on the bonus rule. If I was a ball player and I was discharged, and I saw within three years that I couldn't become a big league player, I would go into another business, or become a manager."

Mickey Mantle, who followed his manager to the stand, brought down the house with one of his first remarks, "My views are just about the same as Casey's."

Yes, Casey Stengel was a clown, a jester, raconteur, a pantomimist, a funny man, a double talker, a master of the nonsequiturs. He clicked out strategy that outraged strategists. His second guesses were right so often that it could hardly be called second guessing. He confounded rival managers, players, writers and senators. He was bewildering but brainy. He fractured the language but was on speaking terms with Presidents and kings. He dangled his principles but manipulated his players like a master chessman.

He could be irritating, he could be cranky, he could at times be downright rude. But he could also be kind, compassionate and

considerate. He had the heart of a lion, the soul of a Svengali and the touch of a Midas. He was the most complex and at the same time the most intimate man baseball has ever known. The image he left behind will always endure.

He was truly a man for all seasons!

Six Great Moments

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It's easy to be distracted by their mustaches and beards, by their green-and-gold uniforms, by their turmoil and tantrums. The A's are a superbly skilled baseball team. Reggie Jackson, talkative and challenging, has been their symbol; Joe Rudi, impatient and menacing, is their enforcer; Sal Bando, quiet and contemplative, is their stabilizer; and Rollie Fingers, he of the waxed and villainous mustache, is the game-saver.

The A's have thrived on fights, squabbles and open warfare, but nevertheless they are a closely-knit unit, as demonstrated by the Neiman painting on the front cover of this program. They have shared the same joys and divided the same spoils. Pride in winning and a penchant for post-season profits have kept them a hungry if not happy family.

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Other Brands....	3%
About Equal....	11%
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Answers:

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Brand D.....	4%
Brand B.....	3%
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